

Senate File 566 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 566
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1199)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a study committee on the administration of the
2 court debt system.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. JUDICIAL BRANCH — STUDY COMMITTEE ON COURT DEBT
2 SYSTEM.

3 1. The judicial branch shall convene a study committee
4 to produce a legislative proposal to overhaul the statutory
5 framework for the administration of the court debt system with
6 the goals of simplifying the statutory framework to minimize
7 error, decrease administrative burden, increase efficiencies,
8 and ensure accurate distribution. The purview of the study
9 committee includes but is not limited to reviewing and providing
10 recommendations to improve the administration of the assessment,
11 payment, collection, and distribution of court debt. The
12 purview of the study committee does not include substantively
13 reconsidering the amount of court debt assessed against persons
14 or the amount of moneys distributed to court debt recipients.

15 2. The state court administrator, or the administrator's
16 designee, shall be the chairperson of the study committee. In
17 addition to the members required under paragraphs "a" and "b",
18 the state court administrator may also appoint other members
19 with relevant knowledge of the administration of the court debt
20 system.

21 a. The membership of the committee shall consist of the
22 following persons or that person's designee:

- 23 (1) The governor.
- 24 (2) The secretary of state.
- 25 (3) The treasurer of state.
- 26 (4) The director of the department of management.
- 27 (5) The director of the department of transportation.
- 28 (6) The commissioner of public safety.
- 29 (7) The director of the department of health and human
30 services.
- 31 (8) The director of revenue.
- 32 (9) The director of the department of corrections.
- 33 (10) The attorney general.
- 34 (11) The president of the Iowa state sheriffs' and deputies'
35 association.

1 (12) The executive director of the Iowa state association of
2 counties.

3 (13) The executive director of the Iowa county attorneys
4 association.

5 (14) The executive director of the Iowa league of cities.

6 b. The membership of the committee shall also consist of the
7 following legislative members:

8 (1) One member of the senate appointed by the majority leader
9 of the senate.

10 (2) One member of the senate appointed by the minority leader
11 of the senate.

12 (3) One member of the house of representatives appointed by
13 the speaker of the house of representatives.

14 (4) One member of the house of representatives appointed by
15 the minority leader of the house of representatives.

16 3. The study committee shall submit recommendations for the
17 statutory reform of the administration of the court debt system
18 in the form of a proposed legislative bill to the chairpersons
19 of the senate and house of representatives standing committees on
20 judiciary no later than November 1, 2025.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill directs the judicial branch to convene a study
25 committee, chaired by the state court administrator or the
26 administrator's designee, to assess the statutory framework for
27 the administration of the court debt system, not including the
28 amount of court debt assessed against persons or the amount
29 distributed to court debt recipients. The bill sets forth
30 specific membership for the study committee, including four
31 legislative members, and provides for additional membership as
32 determined by the state court administrator. The bill requires
33 the study committee to submit recommendations to the chairpersons
34 of the senate and house of representatives standing committees on
35 judiciary no later than November 1, 2025.