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Raised Bill No. 707
An Act Concerning Probation Supervision Fees

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This office supports passage of *Raised Bill No. 707, An Act Concerning Probation Supervision Fees*. The bill as drafted would require that a person sentenced to a split sentence not be required to pay the probation fee until released from incarceration and on probation. Extending the time for payment of the probation fee will allow time for a person to obtain employment upon release from prison and assist in his/her reentry to the community.

This office would request, however, that the probation fee be waived if a person is indigent when beginning probation or at least until the person becomes employed.