Overview

The bill reduces both the HACA and levy limit reductions associated with the state takeover of certain court costs that were authorized by the 1999 legislature. The takeover will occur beginning in fiscal year 2001. The original reductions were based on the difference between the court costs for fiscal year 2001 and some estimated fine revenues that were also transferred to the state to partially offset those costs. When determining this difference, the projected court costs were increased for projected inflation between calendar year 1998 and fiscal year 2001, however, the actual fines collected in 1998 were used as the offset, with no adjustment made for anticipated growth. This bill decreases the HACA and levy limits reductions by an amount equal to the projected growth in the transferred fine revenues from January 1, 1998, through July 1, 2000. The projection is based on the actual growth in these revenues from 1998 to 1999. Affected counties include counties in the fifth, seventh, and ninth judicial districts.

1 **Aid offsets for court costs.** Reduces the permanent decrease in a county's calendar year 2001 HACA by an amount equal to 7.5 percent of the county's share of 1998 revenues for the transferred fines.

2 **Levy limit base.** Reduces the permanent decrease in a county's levy limit base for Pay 2001 by an amount equal to 7.5 percent of the county's share of 1998 revenues for the transferred fines.

3 **Effective dates.** Section 1 is effective for aids paid in 2001. Section 2 is effective for taxes levied in 2000, payable in 2001, provided levy limits are extended.