

HB 1203 -- County Inmate Work and Service Programs

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This bill allows money from the county law enforcement restitution fund to be used for county inmate work and service programs. The amount a county can assess an individual for a plea of guilty or the finding of guilt for a charge of speeding, careless and imprudent driving, or violating a traffic signal or sign or for any class C misdemeanor or infraction is limited to \$10 which will be deposited into the fund.

The bill also authorizes a county commission or other governing body, in conjunction with the county sheriff, to establish an inmate work and service program within the county or regional jail. Provisions regarding inmate eligibility in the program, petitioning the court for admission to the program, refusal to participate by certain inmates, suspending the program by the sheriff, and certain immunities from liability for those performing supervisory duties in the program are specified in the bill.

All persons, organizations, or agencies participating in county inmate work and service programs must be registered with the United States Internal Revenue Service as 501(c)(3) corporations.