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(As Introduced)

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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Permits a court to impose community service upon an offender who fails to pay a judgment for the costs of prosecution in a criminal action.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

**Judgment for costs and jury fees**

**Existing law**

Existing law requires the judge or magistrate in all criminal cases, including violations of ordinances, to include in the sentence the costs of prosecution and to render a judgment against the offender for those costs. If a jury has been sworn at the trial of a case, the judge or magistrate must include the fees of the jurors in the costs. (R.C. 2947.23.)

**Operation of the bill**

Under the bill, if an offender fails to pay the judgment for court costs or fails to timely make payments towards that judgment under a payment schedule approved by the court, the court may order the offender to perform community service in an amount of not more than 40 hours per month until the judgment is paid or until the court is satisfied that the offender is in compliance with the approved payment schedule. The community service imposed upon the offender does not lessen the amount of the judgment and does not preclude the state from taking any other action to execute the judgment. (R.C. 2947.23(B).)

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## HISTORY

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