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8 SYNOPSIS: Under current law, the Administrative Office
9 of Courts collects certain information from the
10 several courts relating to statistical data and
11 other information on the judicial and financial
12 operation of the courts. This bill requires the
13 several courts to provide a quarterly report to the
14 Administrative Office of Courts containing the
15 total amount of court costs, docket fees, fines,
16 and other fees that each court waived or remitted
17 during the quarter.

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19 A BILL

20 TO BE ENTITLED

21 AN ACT

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23 Relating to the several courts; to require quarterly
24 reporting by the several courts containing the total amount of
25 court costs, docket fees, fines, and other fees that each
26 court waived or remitted during the quarter.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) The Administrative Director of Courts shall require the clerk of each circuit and district court to provide a report at the end of each quarter of the fiscal year to the Administrative Office of Courts containing a complete accounting of all court costs, docket fees, fines, any other fees due to the court, and any other fees the Administrative Director of Courts deems appropriate that were waived or remitted by the court during the quarterly reporting period. The quarterly report shall provide the total number of cases in which such amounts were waived or remitted, as well as the total amount waived or remitted, for all civil and criminal cases, including traffic cases, for each circuit and district court. The quarterly report shall provide this information based on the type of case in which such amounts were waived or remitted.

(b) The Administrative Director of Courts shall submit all reports provided to the Administrative Office of Courts pursuant to subsection (a) to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation General Fund and the House Ways and Means General Fund Committee, the Legislative Fiscal Officer, and the State Budget Officer.

(c) The Administrative Director of Courts may promulgate rules as necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on the October 1, 2014 following its passage and approval by the Governor or its otherwise becoming law.

