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3 By Senators Blackwell and Orr  
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation General Fund  
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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:

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

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

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

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

