

# Keep your eyes peeled for 2024's *Fines and Fees Legislation*

## General

- *Elimination of Counsel Fee Recoupment:* Individuals are being swallowed by court debt. The largest consistent portion of that debt is for court-appointed counsel fees. This cost should not be passed on to individuals and this legislation would stop that practice.
- *Transparency in court debt billing:* Give individuals itemized receipts when they are assigned court costs
- *Statute of Limitations:* Allow outstanding court debt to expire after 10 years by moving the statute of limitations from 60 years for circuit court debt and 30 years for general district court debt to 10 years.

## Affecting Incarcerated Individuals

- *Work Behind the Wall:* legislation allowing individuals who are working in a carceral facility to use that work to offset their court debt.
- *Collections:* Extend the timeline for when court debt is sent to collections from 90 days to 180 days from default or release from incarceration.

## Juvenile

- *Complete Elimination of Juvenile Fines & Fees:* Research shows juvenile justice fees increase recidivism and deepen the racial and economic disparities. This legislation will eliminate all fines and fees for juveniles helping to dismantle barriers for future success for our youth.

