

Eliminating Youth Fines and Fees: State and National Perspectives

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Research: Financial Obligations Imposed on Youth can Increase Recidivism

- *“The total amount of fines, fees, and/or restitution imposed at disposition and owed upon case closing as well as owing fines, fees, and/or restitution in general upon case closing all significantly increased the odds of a youth recidivating.”*
- *“Importantly, these results hold even after controlling for relevant youth demo-graphics and case characteristics variables.”*

Piquero, A., & Jennings, W. (2016). Justice imposed financial penalties increase the likelihood of recidivism in a sample of adolescent offenders. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, 15(3), 325-340.

Strong Bipartisan Support

- Nevada (AB 439):
 - 40-0 in House, 20-0 in Senate
- Louisiana (HB 216):
 - 91-0 in Senate, 36-0 in House

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