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**Report to the Legislature | *Online Infraction Adjudication and Ability-to-Pay Determinations*
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Summary

This legislative report describes actions taken in furtherance of the statewide expansion of online ability-to-pay determinations for infraction violations as authorized by Assembly Bill 143 (Stats. 2021, ch. 79). In addition to providing data from courts that have adopted the *MyCitations* tool to adjudicate eligible infractions, the report also includes a performance evaluation of the pilot program. Sixteen courts currently offer online ability-to-pay requests through *MyCitations*. As of January 1, 2023, over 66,000 ability-to-pay requests were submitted through the *MyCitations* tool. These requests account for \$41.5 million in outstanding criminal fines and fees that were granted a reduction account for over \$20 million in reduced fines and fees. An aggregate analysis of cases adjudicated during the pilot period demonstrates that cases granted a reduction through the tool have a 61 percent success rate for full repayment. By contrast, cases denied relief through the tool exhibit a 29 percent success rate. Case-level analysis of requests adjudicated during the pilot period demonstrates that repayment success increases when litigants are ordered to pay less.

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