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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

When a person is convicted of a controlled substance crime, the court must impose a minimum fine of 30 percent of the maximum fine authorized by law. Seventy percent of the mandated fine is forwarded to a local drug abuse prevention program and thirty percent is credited to the general fund. Currently, a local drug abuse prevention program is defined as a DARE program or a similar education program. This bill adds juvenile drug court programs as one of the programs eligible to receive the fine proceeds. The bill also requires a program to report receipt and use of the money annually to the state court administrator.