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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1659

5 By: Representatives Tucker, Gazaway  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS BY A PERSON  
9 WHO OWES COURT COSTS, FINES, OR RESTITUTION TO A  
10 CIRCUIT COURT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 CONCERNING INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS BY A  
14 PERSON WHO OWES COURT COSTS, FINES, OR  
15 RESTITUTION TO A CIRCUIT COURT.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 13, Subchapter 2, is  
22 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 16-13-226. Installment payments by a criminal defendant in circuit  
24 court – Priority of payment.

25 (a) An installment payment by a criminal defendant to a circuit court  
26 shall initially be deemed to be a collection of court costs until the court  
27 costs have been collected in full, with any remaining installment payments  
28 representing collections of restitution, and then any applicable fines.

29 (b) If court costs, restitution, and fines are fully paid, all  
30 remaining installment payments shall be allocated to remaining amounts due as  
31 ordered by the circuit court.

32 (c) A municipal or county governing body that adopted municipal or  
33 county legislation before January 1, 2017, to provide an alternative method  
34 of installment payment allocation as then authorized by state law shall  
35 remain in effect until repealed by the municipal or county governing body.  
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