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A Bill

SENATE BILL 716

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5 By: Senator Jeffries
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 9-14-212 TO LIMIT THE
10 FEES CHARGED BY THE OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT
11 FOR NON-WELFARE CLIENTS TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE
12 NONCUSTODIAL PARENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

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15 "TO LIMIT THE FEES FOR THE STATE
16 COLLECTION OF CHILD SUPPORT FOR NON-
17 WELFARE CLIENTS TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE
18 NONCUSTODIAL PARENT."
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-14-212 is amended to read as follows:

23 "9-14-212. Assigned support rights - ~~Non-Aid to Families With Dependent~~
24 ~~Children~~ Non-Temporary Assistance to Needy Families application fee.

25 (a) The Office of Child Support Enforcement may charge a nonrefundable
26 application fee of up to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to any person who
27 contracts with the Office of Child Support Enforcement for any services under
28 Title IV-D of the Social Security Act for whom an assignment under § ~~20-76-410~~
29 9-14-109 is not in effect.

30 (b) The fee shall be known as a ~~non-Aid to Families with Dependent~~
31 ~~Children~~ Non-Temporary Assistance to Needy Families application fee and shall
32 be a flat fee in an amount to be determined by the manager which shall be paid
33 by the applicant at the time the application for assistance is submitted.

34 (c) ~~(1) Non-Aid to Families with Dependent Children~~ Non-Temporary
35 Assistance to Needy Families services shall be provided to an applicant ~~on a~~
36 ~~cost recovery/fee for services basis as provided under Title IV-D program~~

1 ~~requirements at the same cost as the child support enforcement services are~~
2 ~~provided to any applicant or recipient of Temporary Assistance to Needy~~
3 ~~Families. The Office of Child Support Enforcement shall cease charging the~~
4 ~~custodial parent the thirteen percent (13%) fees immediately upon the~~
5 ~~effectiveness of this section. The Director of the Office of Child Support~~
6 ~~Enforcement shall promulgate rules and regulations to collect a three percent~~
7 ~~(3%) service charge on the non-custodial parents.~~

8 ~~----- (2)(A) The Director of the Office of Child Support Enforcement shall~~
9 ~~establish and publish a schedule of such fees which shall be administratively~~
10 ~~incorporated into child support enforcement policy.~~

11 ~~----- (B) Copies of the fee schedule shall be provided to all~~
12 ~~applicants for child support services.~~

13 (d) Nothing in this section shall preclude cost recovery from the
14 noncustodial parent for reimbursement to the applicant."
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16 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature
17 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
18 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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20 SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to
21 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect
22 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
23 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
24 act are declared to be severable.
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26 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
27 hereby repealed.
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29 /s/Jeffries
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