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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 549

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT MANDATED COSTS AND FEES PAID BY  
10 A DEFENDANT IN A CRIMINAL CASE SHALL BE REFUNDED UPON  
11 AN ACQUITTAL, A DISMISSAL, OR AN ORDER OF NOLLE  
12 PROSEQUI; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO ENSURE THAT MANDATED COSTS AND FEES  
16 PAID BY A DEFENDANT IN A CRIMINAL CASE  
17 SHALL BE REFUNDED UPON AN ACQUITTAL, A  
18 DISMISSAL, OR AN ORDER OF NOLLE  
19 PROSEQUI.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 92, Subchapter 1, is  
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 16-92-107. Mandated costs and fees – Defendant refunded – Definition.

27 (a) As used in this section, "mandated costs and fees" includes  
28 without limitation any sum that is required to be paid by the defendant that  
29 is associated with being subject to a prosecution, including without  
30 limitation court filing costs and fees, service costs and fees, ignition  
31 interlock device costs and fees, pretrial supervision costs and fees, and  
32 ankle monitor costs and fees.

33 (b) Any mandated costs and fees paid by a defendant in a criminal case  
34 shall be refunded to the defendant if:

35 (1) He or she is acquitted of the charge or charges; or

36 (2) The charge or charges are otherwise dismissed or an order of



1 nolle prosequi is entered.

2 (c) If a defendant is acquitted of one (1) or more charges or if an  
3 order of dismissal or nolle prosequi is entered for one (1) or more charges  
4 but he or she is convicted of the remaining charge or charges in the case,  
5 only the mandated costs and fees paid by the defendant that are specifically  
6 associated with the charge or charges described in subsection (b) of this  
7 section shall be refunded to the defendant.

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