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SENATE BILL 575

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING INSTALLMENT FEES
10 COLLECTED IN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS; TO AMEND
11 THE LAW CONCERNING DRIVER'S LICENSE REINSTATEMENT
12 FEES; TO CREATE THE JUSTICE SYSTEM FEE TASK FORCE;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 DRIVER'S LICENSE REINSTATEMENT FEES; AND
20 TO CREATE THE JUSTICE SYSTEM TASK FORCE.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-65-119(a)(2), as amended by Acts 2025,
26 No. 419, § 50, concerning the distribution of the driver's license
27 reinstatement fee collected by the Office of Driver Services after a
28 suspension for driving or boating while intoxicated or refusal to submit to a
29 chemical test, is amended to read as follows:

30 (2) The fee under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be
31 ~~distributed as follows:~~

32 ~~(A) Seven percent (7%) of the revenues derived from this~~
33 ~~fee shall be deposited into the State Treasury as special revenues and~~
34 ~~credited to the Public Health Fund to be used exclusively for the Office of~~
35 ~~Alcohol Testing of the Department of Health;~~

36 ~~(B) Thirty three percent (33%) of the revenues derived~~



1 ~~from this fee shall be deposited as special revenues into the State Treasury~~
2 ~~into the Constitutional Officers Fund and the State Central Services Fund as~~
3 ~~a direct revenue to be used by the Office of Driver Services for use in~~
4 ~~supporting the administrative driver's licensing revocation and sanctions~~
5 ~~programs provided for in this subchapter;~~

6 ~~(C) Ten percent (10%) of the revenues derived from this~~
7 ~~fee shall be deposited into the State Treasury, and the Treasurer of State~~
8 ~~shall credit them as general revenues to the various funds in the respective~~
9 ~~amounts to each and to be used for the purposes as provided in the Revenue~~
10 ~~Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et seq.; and~~

11 ~~(D) Fifty percent (50%) of the revenues derived from this~~
12 ~~fee shall be deposited into the State Treasury as special revenues to the~~
13 ~~credit of the Division of Arkansas State Police Fund deposited into the State~~
14 ~~Treasury and the Treasurer of State shall credit the amount as general~~
15 ~~revenue to the various funds in the respective amounts to each to be used for~~
16 ~~the purposes provided in the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et seq.~~

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18 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-65-304(d)(3), concerning the driver
19 privilege reinstatement fee collected by the Office of Driver Services after
20 a suspension for underage driving or boating under the influence, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 (3) Forty percent (40%) of the revenues derived from the fee
23 under this subsection shall be deposited into the State Treasury, ~~as special~~
24 ~~revenues and credited to the Public Health Fund to be used exclusively for~~
25 ~~the Blood Alcohol Program of the Department of Health and the Treasurer of~~
26 ~~State shall credit the amount as general revenue to the various funds in the~~
27 ~~respective amounts to each to be used for the purposes provided in the~~
28 ~~Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et seq.~~

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30 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-65-310(f)(3), concerning the driving
31 privilege reinstatement fee collected by the Office of Driver Services after
32 a suspension for an underaged person for refusal to submit to a chemical
33 test, is amended to read as follows:

34 (3) Forty percent (40%) of the revenues derived from the fee
35 under this subsection shall be deposited into the State Treasury, ~~as special~~
36 ~~revenues and credited to the Public Health Fund to be used exclusively for~~

1 ~~the Blood Alcohol Program of the Department of Health and the Treasurer of~~
2 ~~State shall credit the amount as general revenue to the various funds in the~~
3 ~~respective amounts to each to be used for the purposes provided in the~~
4 ~~Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et seq.~~

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6 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 16-13-704(b)(2)(A)(i), as amended by Acts
7 2025, No. 371, concerning the installment fee collected in circuit court, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (2)(A)(i) One-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the installment fee collected in
10 circuit court shall be remitted by the tenth day of each month ~~to the~~
11 ~~Administration of Justice Funds Section of the Office of Administrative~~
12 ~~Services of the Department of Finance and Administration, on a form provided~~
13 ~~by the Office of Administrative Services, for deposit into the Judicial Fine~~
14 ~~Collection Enhancement Fund established by § 16-13-712~~ into the State
15 Treasury, and the Treasurer of State shall credit that portion of the
16 installment fee as general revenue to the various funds in the respective
17 amounts to each to be used for the purposes provided in the Revenue
18 Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et seq.

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20 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 16-13-704(b)(3)(A), as amended by Acts
21 2025, No. 371, concerning the installment fee collected in district court, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 (3)(A) One-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the installment fee collected in district
24 court shall be remitted by the tenth day of each month ~~to the Administration~~
25 ~~of Justice Funds Section, on a form provided by that section, for deposit~~
26 ~~into the Judicial Fine Collection Enhancement Fund established by § 16-13-712~~
27 into the State Treasury as general revenue and the Treasurer of State shall
28 credit that portion of the installment fee to the various funds in the
29 respective amounts to each to be used for the purposes provided in the
30 Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et seq.

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32 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 16-13-704(b)(3)(E)(ii), as amended by Acts
33 2025, No. 371, concerning the additional installment fee collected in
34 district court, is amended to read as follows:

35 (ii) In district court only, an installment fee of
36 an additional five dollars (\$5.00) per month shall also be assessed on the

1 first day of each month on each person who is ordered to pay a fine on an
 2 installment basis with the additional five dollars (\$5.00) to be remitted by
 3 the tenth day of each month ~~to the Administration of Justice Funds Section on~~
 4 ~~a form provided by that section for deposit into the State Administration of~~
 5 ~~Justice Fund~~ into the State Treasury, and the Treasurer of State shall credit
 6 the additional installment fee as general revenue to the various funds in the
 7 respective amounts to each to be used for the purposes provided in the
 8 Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et seq.

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 10 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 21-6-416(b) and (c), concerning the court
 11 technology fee, as amended by Acts 2025, No. 371, § 13, are amended to read
 12 as follows:

13 (b) The court technology fee is as follows:

14 (1) For all civil actions and misdemeanors filed in either the
 15 Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals..... \$15.00

16 (2) For initiating a cause of action in the civil, domestic
 17 relations, or probate division of circuit court, including
 18 appeals..... 15.00

19 (3) For initiating a cause of action in the civil or small
 20 claims division of district court..... 15.00

21 ~~(4) For all criminal and traffic cases, from each defendant upon~~
 22 ~~24 each conviction, each plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or each bond~~
 23 ~~25 forfeiture..... 15.00.~~

24 (c)(1) The fee provided under subdivision (b)(1) of this section
 25 collected in the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals shall be remitted by
 26 the Clerk of the Supreme Court on or before the fifteenth day of each month
 27 to the Administration of Justice Funds Section on a form provided by the
 28 Office of Administrative Services for deposit into the Judicial Fine
 29 Collection Enhancement Fund established by § 16-13-712.

30 (2) The fee provided under subdivisions ~~(b)(2)-(4)~~ (b)(2) and
 31 (3) of this section collected in circuit court or district court shall be
 32 remitted by the county or city official, agency, or department designated
 33 under § 16-13-709 as primarily responsible for the collection of fines
 34 assessed in circuit court or district court on or before the fifteenth day of
 35 each month to the section, on a form provided by the office, for deposit into
 36 the Judicial Fine Collection Enhancement Fund established by § 16-13-712.

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2 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 27-16-508(b), concerning the driver's
3 license reinstatement fee collected by the Office of Driver Services, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (b) The revenues derived from this fee shall be deposited into the
6 State Treasury, ~~as special revenues to the credit of the Division of Arkansas~~
7 ~~State Police Fund~~ and the Treasurer of State shall credit these revenues as
8 general revenue to the various funds in the respective amounts to each to be
9 used for the purposes provided in the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101
10 et seq.

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12 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 27-16-808(b), concerning the driver's
13 license reinstatement fee collected by the Office of Driver Services, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 (b) All proceeds remitted to the Office of Driver Services under this
16 section shall be deposited ~~as follows:~~

17 ~~(1) Twenty five percent (25%) to the State Police Retirement~~
18 ~~Fund; and~~

19 ~~(2) Seventy five percent (75%) to the State Treasury as special~~
20 ~~revenues to the credit of the Division of Arkansas State Police Fund~~ into the
21 State Treasury, and the Treasurer of State shall credit these proceeds as
22 general revenue to the various funds in the respective amounts to each to be
23 used for the purposes provided in the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101
24 et seq.

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26 SECTION 10. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Justice System Fee
27 Task Force – Findings – Intent – Creation – Membership – Duties.

28 (a)(1) The General Assembly finds that:

29 (A) The justice system in Arkansas imposes an excessive
30 number of fees on individuals charged with or convicted of crimes or
31 otherwise involved in the justice system;

32 (B) The collective impact of these fees on the individuals
33 they are imposed upon substantially inhibits their ability to move forward
34 with their lives in a constructive manner;

35 (C) Many of the fees in the justice system no longer serve
36 a productive purpose; and

1 (D) Altering the structure of or eliminating many of the
2 fees in the justice system would serve the people of Arkansas by reducing
3 recidivism and therefore improving public safety.

4 (2) It is the intent of the General Assembly to:

5 (A) Implement safe policy changes that will improve the
6 effectiveness of the fees in the justice system in a manner that will:

7 (i) Reduce recidivism;

8 (ii) Lower crime across the state; and

9 (iii) Enhance the ability of individuals charged
10 with or convicted of crimes to turn their lives around; and

11 (B) Establish the Justice System Fee Task Force as a
12 mechanism to study the fees in the justice system and make recommendations to
13 the General Assembly regarding the possible alteration or elimination of
14 those fees.

15 (b)(1) There is created the Justice System Fee Task Force.

16 (2) The task force shall consist of the following ten (10)
17 members:

18 (A) Two (2) members appointed by the Governor as follows:

19 (i) One (1) member who is a representative of the
20 Arkansas Public Defender Commission; and

21 (ii) One (1) member who is a prosecuting attorney;

22 (B) Two (2) members of the Senate appointed by the
23 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

24 (C) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives
25 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

26 (D) One (1) member who is a staff member of the
27 Administrative Office of the Courts appointed by the Director of the
28 Administrative Office of the Courts;

29 (E) The Secretary of the Department of Corrections or his
30 or her designee;

31 (F) One (1) circuit court judge appointed by the President
32 of the Judicial Council; and

33 (G) One (1) district court judge appointed by the
34 President of the Arkansas District Judges Council, Inc.

35 (3) If a vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall be
36 filled by the same process as the original appointment.

1 (4)(A) The Senate members appointed by the President Pro Tempore
2 of the Senate under subdivision (b)(2)(B) of this section shall call the
3 first meeting of the task force no later than August 31, 2025.

4 (B) At the first meeting of the task force, the members of
5 the task force shall elect from their membership a chair and other officers
6 as needed for the transaction of the business of the task force.

7 (C) The task force shall meet at least quarterly and shall
8 meet:

9 (i) At the call of the chair; or

10 (ii) Upon the calling of a meeting by a majority of
11 the members of the task force.

12 (5) The task force shall meet at the State Capitol Building or
13 in the legislative committee rooms in the Multi-Agency Complex on the State
14 Capitol grounds.

15 (6) The task force shall adopt rules and procedures for
16 conducting its business.

17 (7) Six (6) members of the task force shall constitute a quorum
18 for transacting business of the task force.

19 (c) The task force shall study and recommend improvements to the
20 justice system fees in the State of Arkansas.

21 (d) As part of its study under subsection (c) of this section, the
22 task force shall:

23 (1) Conduct a comprehensive analysis of each fee in the Arkansas
24 justice system, including without limitation:

25 (A) The amount of each fee;

26 (B) The purpose of each fee;

27 (C) The amount of revenue generated by each fee;

28 (D) The programs funded by the revenue generated by each
29 fee; and

30 (E) The efficacy of each fee;

31 (2) Examine the effectiveness of current practices of imposing
32 justice system fees on individuals in Arkansas; and

33 (3) Develop recommendations for the General Assembly for
34 improving the system of imposing justice system fees on individuals.

35 (e)(1) On or before December 1, 2026, the task force shall submit its
36 final report to the:

