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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING INSTALLMENT FEES
COLLECTED IN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS; TO AMEND
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AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-65-119(a)(2), as amended by Acts 2025,
No. 419, § 50, concerning the distribution of the driver's license
reinstatement fee collected by the Office of Driver Services after a
suspension for driving or boating while intoxicated or refusal to submit to a
chemical test, is amended to read as follows:

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(2) The fee under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be

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~~distributed as follows:~~

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~~(A) Seven percent (7%) of the revenues derived from this~~

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~~fee shall be deposited into the State Treasury as special revenues and~~

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~~credited to the Public Health Fund to be used exclusively for the Office of~~

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~~Alcohol Testing of the Department of Health;~~

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~~(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 § 19-6-301(120), concerning the
11 classification of revenue from certain driver's license reinstatement fees as
12 special revenue, is repealed.

13 ~~(120) That portion of driver's license reinstatement fees for~~
14 ~~the Office of Driver Services, § 5-65-119(a)(2)(B);~~

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16 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 19-6-301(155), concerning the
17 classification of revenue from certain driver's license reinstatement fees as
18 special revenue, is repealed.

19 ~~(155) That portion of driver's license reinstatement fees for~~
20 ~~the Office of Alcohol Testing, § 5-65-119(a)(2)(A), § 5-65-304(d), and § 5-~~
21 ~~65-310(f);~~

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23 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 19-6-301(218), concerning the
24 classification of revenue from certain driver's license reinstatement fees as
25 special revenue, is repealed.

26 ~~(218) That portion of an operator's driver's license~~
27 ~~reinstatement fees, § 5-65-119(a)(2)(D);~~

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29 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 19-6-301(219), concerning the
30 classification of revenue from certain driver's license reinstatement fees as
31 special revenue, is repealed.

32 ~~(219) That portion of suspended, revoked, or cancelled driver's~~
33 ~~license reinstatement fees, § 27-16-508(c) and § 27-16-808(b)(2);~~

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

1 as follows:

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

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

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

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

10 ~~(4) For all criminal and traffic cases, from each defendant upon~~
11 ~~24 each conviction, each plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or each bond~~
12 ~~25 forfeiture..... 15.00.~~

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

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

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27 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 27-16-508(b), concerning the driver's
28 license reinstatement fee collected by the Office of Driver Services, is
29 amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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15 SECTION 14. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Justice System Fee
16 Task Force – Findings – Intent – Creation – Membership – Duties.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 (i) Reduce recidivism;

33 (ii) Lower crime across the state; and

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

36 (B) Establish the Justice System Fee Task Force as a

1 mechanism to study the fees in the justice system and make recommendations to
2 the General Assembly regarding the possible alteration or elimination of
3 those fees.

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

5 (2) The task force shall consist of the following thirteen (13)
6 members:

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

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

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

11 (B) Two (2) members of the Senate appointed by the
12 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

13 (C) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives
14 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

15 (D) Two (2) members who are staff members of the
16 Administrative Office of the Courts appointed by the Director of the
17 Administrative Office of the Courts;

18 (E) The Secretary of the Department of Corrections or his
19 or her designee;

20 (F) One (1) circuit court judge appointed by the President
21 of the Judicial Council;

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

24 (H) One (1) member designated by the Association of
25 Arkansas Counties; and

26 (I) One (1) member designated by the Arkansas Municipal
27 League.

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

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

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

36 (C) The task force shall meet at least quarterly and shall

1 meet:

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

3 (ii) Upon the calling of a meeting by a majority of
4 the members of the task force.

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (A) The amount of each fee;

19 (B) The purpose of each fee;

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

21 (D) The programs funded by the revenue generated by each
22 fee; and

23 (E) The efficacy of each fee;

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

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

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

30 (A) Legislative Council;

31 (B) Governor; and

32 (C) Supreme Court.

33 (2) The final report shall include the task force's activities,
34 findings, and recommendations, including without limitation:

35 (A) Recommendations for improving the system of imposing
36 fees on individuals in the justice system; and

1 (B) The funding necessary to accommodate each
2 recommendation made under subdivision (e)(2)(A) of this section.

3 (f) The task force expires on December 31, 2026.

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5 SECTION 15. EFFECTIVE DATE. Sections 1 through 13 of this act are
6 effective on July 1, 2026.

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8 /s/C. Tucker
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