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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 575

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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17 FEES COLLECTED IN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT  
18 COURTS; AND TO CREATE THE JUSTICE SYSTEM  
19 FEE TASK FORCE.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-13-704(b)(2)(A)(i), as amended by Acts  
24 2025, No. 371, concerning the installment fee collected in circuit court, is  
25 amended to read as follows:

26 (2)(A)(i) One-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the installment fee collected in  
27 circuit court shall be remitted by the tenth day of each month ~~to the~~  
28 ~~Administration of Justice Funds Section of the Office of Administrative~~  
29 ~~Services of the Department of Finance and Administration, on a form provided~~  
30 ~~by the Office of Administrative Services, for deposit into the Judicial Fine~~  
31 ~~Collection Enhancement Fund established by § 16-13-712~~ into the State  
32 Treasury, and the Treasurer of State shall credit that portion of the  
33 installment fee as general revenue to the various funds in the respective  
34 amounts to each to be used for the purposes provided in the Revenue  
35 Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et seq.  
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-13-704(b)(3)(A), as amended by Acts  
 2 2025, No. 371, concerning the installment fee collected in district court, is  
 3 amended to read as follows:

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

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 13 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 16-13-704(b)(3)(E)(ii), as amended by Acts  
 14 2025, No. 371, concerning the additional installment fee collected in  
 15 district court, is amended to read as follows:

16 (ii) In district court only, an installment fee of  
 17 an additional five dollars (\$5.00) per month shall also be assessed on the  
 18 first day of each month on each person who is ordered to pay a fine on an  
 19 installment basis with the additional five dollars (\$5.00) to be remitted by  
 20 the tenth day of each month ~~to the Administration of Justice Funds Section on~~  
 21 ~~a form provided by that section for deposit into the State Administration of~~  
 22 ~~Justice Fund~~ into the State Treasury, and the Treasurer of State shall credit  
 23 the additional installment fee as general revenue to the various funds in the  
 24 respective amounts to each to be used for the purposes provided in the  
 25 Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et seq.

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 27 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 21-6-416(b) and (c), concerning the court  
 28 technology fee, as amended by Acts 2025, No. 371, § 13, are amended to read  
 29 as follows:

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

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

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

36 (3) For initiating a cause of action in the civil or small

1 claims division of district court..... 15.00

2 ~~(4) For all criminal and traffic cases, from each defendant upon~~  
3 ~~24 each conviction, each plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or each bond~~  
4 ~~25 forfeiture..... 15.00.~~

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

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

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19 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 27-16-508(b), concerning the driver’s  
20 license reinstatement fee collected by the Office of Driver Services, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

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

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29 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 27-16-808(b), concerning the driver’s  
30 license reinstatement fee collected by the Office of Driver Services, is  
31 amended to read as follows:

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

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

36 ~~(2) Seventy five percent (75%) to the State Treasury as special~~

1 ~~revenues to the credit of the Division of Arkansas State Police Fund into the~~  
 2 ~~State Treasury, and the Treasurer of State shall credit these proceeds as~~  
 3 ~~general revenue to the various funds in the respective amounts to each to be~~  
 4 ~~used for the purposes provided in the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101~~  
 5 ~~et seq.~~

7 SECTION 7. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Justice System Fee  
 8 Task Force – Findings – Intent – Creation – Membership – Duties.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (i) Reduce recidivism;

25 (ii) Lower crime across the state; and

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

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

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

33 (2) The task force shall consist of the following ten (10)  
 34 members:

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

36 (i) One (1) member who is a representative of the

1 Arkansas Public Defender Commission; and

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

3 (B) Two (2) members of the Senate appointed by the  
4 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

5 (C) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives  
6 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

7 (D) One (1) member who is a staff member of the  
8 Administrative Office of the Courts appointed by the Director of the  
9 Administrative Office of the Courts;

10 (E) The Secretary of the Department of Corrections or his  
11 or her designee;

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

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

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

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

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

24 (C) The task force shall meet at least quarterly and shall  
25 meet:

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

27 (ii) Upon the calling of a meeting by a majority of  
28 the members of the task force.

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

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

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

36 (c) The task force shall study and recommend improvements to the

1 justice system fees in the State of Arkansas.

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

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

6 (A) The amount of each fee;

7 (B) The purpose of each fee;

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

9 (D) The programs funded by the revenue generated by each  
10 fee; and

11 (E) The efficacy of each fee;

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

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

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

18 (A) Legislative Council;

19 (B) Governor; and

20 (C) Supreme Court.

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

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

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

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

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