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HOUSE BILL 825

Short Title: Child Support Collection Fee/Non-TANF Family.-AB (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Goodwin; Alexander and Parmon.

Referred to: Children, Youth and Families, if favorable, Finance.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT A FEDERALLY REQUIRED MANDATORY FEE
4 FOR SUCCESSFUL CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION FOR FAMILIES THAT
5 HAVE NEVER RECEIVED TANF.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 110-130.1(a) reads as rewritten:

8 "(a) All child support collection and paternity determination services provided
9 under this Article to recipients of public assistance shall be made available to any
10 individual not receiving public assistance in accordance with federal law and as
11 contractually authorized by the nonrecipient, upon proper application and payment of a
12 nonrefundable application fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The fee shall be reduced
13 to ten dollars (\$10.00) if the individual applying for the services is indigent. An indigent
14 individual is an individual whose gross income does not exceed one hundred percent
15 (100%) of the federal poverty guidelines issued each year in the Federal Register by the
16 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. For the purposes of this subsection, the
17 term "gross income" has the same meaning as defined in G.S. 105-134.1.

18 In the case of an individual who has never received assistance under a State program
19 funded pursuant to Title IV-A of the Social Security Act and for whom the State has
20 collected and disbursed to the family in a federal fiscal year at least five hundred dollars
21 (\$500.00) of support, the State shall impose an annual fee of twenty-five dollars
22 (\$25.00) for each case in which services are furnished. The child support agency shall
23 retain the fee from support collected on behalf of the individual. However, the child
24 support agency shall not retain the fee from the first five hundred dollars (\$500.00)
25 collected. The child support agency shall use the fee to support the ongoing operation of
26 the program."

27 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.