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HOUSE BILL 144*

Short Title: Increase Family Court Fee. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Glazier, Parfitt, and McLawhorn (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

Referred to: Judiciary Subcommittee C, if favorable, Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FEE AUTHORIZED TO BE CHARGED TO PERSONS
RECEIVING THE SERVICES OF A SUPERVISED VISITATION AND EXCHANGE
CENTER THROUGH A FAMILY COURT PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 7A-314.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 7A-314.1. **Family court fees.**

(a) The Administrative Office of the Courts may charge a uniform fee of not more than ~~thirty dollars (\$30.00)~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00) per hour to persons receiving the services of a supervised visitation and exchange center through a family court program. The fees collected under this section may be used by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts to support the continued operation of supervised visitation and exchange centers which provide services to family court clients regarding domestic violence, substance abuse, mental illness, parental alienation, and other issues.

(b) The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts may establish a procedure for persons to apply for a reduction in the fee, based upon the person's ability to pay as a result of indigence, status as a victim of domestic violence, or other circumstances."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2011.

