

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 104

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Authorizes a support obligation fee in the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:1000.12, relative to the collection of fees in the Twenty-Fourth Judicial
3 District; to authorize collection of an additional one-time fee in support obligation
4 cases; to provide for the approval, collection, and use of such fees; to provide an
5 exception for the Department of Children and Family Services; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:1000.12 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1000.12. Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court; additional support obligation fee;
10 Domestic Commissioner's Fund

11 A. The Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court may assess a one-time fee not
12 to exceed fifty dollars in all domestic filings. The collected fees shall be deposited
13 into the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court's Domestic Commissioner's Fund and
14 used solely to defray the costs associated with the Domestic Early Intervention
15 Triage Program. The amount of the fee imposed or any increase in the fee shall be
16 approved by the judges sitting en banc and shall be in addition to all other fines or
17 costs lawfully imposed.

18 B. The provisions of this Section shall not apply in cases in which the
19 Department of Children and Family Services is providing support enforcement
20 services.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the 24th JDC to collect a one-time fee not to exceed \$50 in all domestic filings.

Proposed law authorizes the 24th JDC to assess and collect an additional one-time fee not to exceed \$50 in all domestic filings.

Proposed law requires the fees to be deposited into the 24th JDC Domestic Commissioner's Fund to be used solely to defray the costs associated with the court's Domestic Early Intervention Triage Program. Proposed law requires the judges sitting en banc to determine the fee and approve any increases.

Proposed law provides an exception for cases where DCFS is providing support enforcement services.

(Adds R.S. 13:1000.12)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Change the one-time fee assessed by the 24th JDC from \$100 to \$50.
2. Change the application of the fee from all actions to establish or enforce a support obligation pursuant to the support enforcement provisions under the jurisdiction of DCFS to all domestic filings in the court.
3. Exempt cases where DCFS provides support enforcement services.