

SENATE BILL No. 318

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-23-14-16.

Synopsis: Alcohol and drug program fees. Allows an attorney representing a court established alcohol and drug services program to bring an action on a debt for unpaid program fees. Requires a court to award reasonable attorney's fees to the program's attorney whenever the court enters a judgment on the debt.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 7, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 12-23-14-16 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 16. (a) The court may
- 3 require an eligible individual to pay a fee for a service of a program.
- 4 (b) If a fee is required, the court shall adopt by court rule a schedule
- 5 of fees to be assessed for program services.
- 6 (c) The fee for program services may not exceed three hundred
- 7 dollars (\$300).
- 8 (d) A fee collected shall be deposited in the city or county user fee
- 9 fund.
- 10 (e) **Upon a default in the payment of the fee for program**
- 11 **services, an attorney representing an alcohol and drug services**
- 12 **program under this chapter may bring an action on a debt for the**
- 13 **unpaid amount. If a court enters a judgment on the debt, the court**
- 14 **shall award reasonable attorney's fees to the program's attorney.**

