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HOUSE BILL 1796*

Short Title: Convenience Fee for Court Records.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Culpepper, Easterling, McCrary, Tolson; and Miller.

Referred to: Judiciary IV.

May 25, 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PRESCRIBE THE CONVENIENCE FEE FOR REMOTE ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 7A-109(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) In order to facilitate public access to court records, except where public access is prohibited by law, the Director may enter into one or more nonexclusive contracts ~~under reasonable cost recovery terms~~ with third parties to provide remote electronic access to the records by the public. Each third-party contractor shall be charged a one-time setup fee to cover the actual cost of installation and termination of telephone lines and equipment and other setup costs. Each third-party contractor shall also be charged an access fee of twenty-five cents (25¢) for each instance in which a person remotely accessing court records presses a key that displays information on the person's viewing screen. ~~Costs recovered~~ Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer to be held in the Court Information Technology Fund established in G.S. 7A-343.2."

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 15, 2000, and applies to all contracts entered into, renewed, or extended on or after that date.