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SENATE BILL 745

Short Title:	Child Support Collection Fee/Non-TANF Family.-AB	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Rand; and Swindell.	
Referred to:	Finance.	

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT A FEDERALLY REQUIRED MANDATORY FEE FOR SUCCESSFUL CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION FOR FAMILIES THAT HAVE NEVER RECEIVED TANF.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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