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A Bill

SENATE BILL 260

By: Senator J. Bryant
By: Representative Gonzales

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF COURT FINES, FEES, OR COSTS AFTER DEFAULT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF COURT FINES, FEES, OR COSTS AFTER DEFAULT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-4-204 is amended to read as follows:
§ 5-4-204. Collection after default.

(a) When a defendant sentenced to pay ~~a fine or costs~~ fines, fees, or costs defaults in the payment of the ~~fine or costs~~ fines, fees, or costs or of any installment, the ~~fine or costs~~ fines, fees, or costs may be collected ~~by:~~

(1) By any means authorized for the enforcement of a money judgment in a civil action; or

(2) Upon the court's own motion, by the interception of the defendant's state income tax return by following the procedures under § 5-4-206(d)-(f) for the collection of unpaid restitution.

(b) A judgment that the defendant pay ~~a fine or costs~~ fines, fees, or costs constitutes a lien on the real property and personal property of the defendant in the same manner and to the same extent as a money judgment in a civil action.

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