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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1659

By: Representatives Tucker, Gazaway

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS BY A PERSON WHO OWES COURT COSTS, FINES, OR RESTITUTION TO A CIRCUIT COURT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS BY A PERSON WHO OWES COURT COSTS, FINES, OR RESTITUTION TO A CIRCUIT COURT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 13, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

16-13-226. Installment payments by a criminal defendant in circuit court – Priority of payment.

(a) An installment payment by a criminal defendant to a circuit court shall initially be deemed to be a collection of court costs until the court costs have been collected in full, with any remaining installment payments representing collections of restitution, and then any applicable fines.

(b) If court costs, restitution, and fines are fully paid, all remaining installment payments shall be allocated to remaining amounts due as ordered by the circuit court.

(c) A municipal or county governing body that adopted municipal or county legislation before January 1, 2017, to provide an alternative method of installment payment allocation as then authorized by state law shall remain in effect until repealed by the municipal or county governing body.

