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SENATE BILL 43\*

Short Title: Increase Family Court Fee. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Mansfield.

Referred to: Finance.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FEE AUTHORIZED TO BE CHARGED TO PERSONS  
3 RECEIVING THE SERVICES OF A SUPERVISED VISITATION AND EXCHANGE  
4 CENTER THROUGH A FAMILY COURT PROGRAM.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-314.1 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 7A-314.1. Family court fees.**

8 (a) The Administrative Office of the Courts may charge a uniform fee of not more than  
9 ~~thirty dollars (\$30.00)~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00) per hour to persons receiving the services of a  
10 supervised visitation and exchange center through a family court program. The fees collected  
11 under this section may be used by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts to  
12 support the continued operation of supervised visitation and exchange centers which provide  
13 services to family court clients regarding domestic violence, substance abuse, mental illness,  
14 parental alienation, and other issues.

15 (b) The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts may establish a procedure  
16 for persons to apply for a reduction in the fee, based upon the person's ability to pay as a result  
17 of indigence, status as a victim of domestic violence, or other circumstances."

18 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2011.

