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Senate Bill 527 (as introduced 9-19-13)
Sponsor: Senator Bruce Caswell
Committee: Families, Seniors and Human Services

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to require the party filing an action regarding the custody, support, or parenting time of a minor child, to pay the appropriate fee at the time of filing the action. Currently, the party must pay the fee before entry of a final judgment or order.

The bill also would require a party to pay a \$150 filing fee before filing a civil action. Currently, before a civil action is commenced, the party bringing the action must pay the fee.

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Legislative Analyst: Glenn Steffens

FISCAL IMPACT

Most counties already collect the appropriate fees at the time an action is filed, so for these counties the bill would have a limited impact as it would only codify current practice. For counties that do not collect the fees at the time of filing, the bill would have a minor positive fiscal impact by accelerating the revenue from this source.

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