

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 416 (SB 255)

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Barrow

Existing law provides that all court costs and fees incurred in maintaining or defending any proceeding concerning domestic abuse assistance in juvenile, family, and civil courts are to be paid by the perpetrator of the domestic violence, including all costs of medical and psychological care for the abused adult, or for any of the children, necessitated by the domestic violence.

New law retains existing law.

Prior law provided that if the court determines that a petition in a domestic abuse case was frivolous, the court may order the nonprevailing party to pay all court costs and reasonable attorney fees of the other party.

New law retains prior law and provides that failure to appear at a hearing on the petition for a protective order shall not on its own constitute grounds for assessing court costs and fees against the petitioner.

Effective June 15, 2022.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 1570.1 and R.S. 46:2136.1)