

Senate File 2139 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to court costs for scheduled violations.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 805.9, subsection 6, Code 2020, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 6. a. The court costs imposed by **this section** are the total
4 costs collectible from a defendant upon either an admission
5 of a violation without hearing~~r~~ or upon a hearing pursuant to
6 subsection 4 in which a defendant admits the violation or is
7 convicted of the violation.

8 b. A county attorney shall not dismiss a scheduled violation
9 in exchange for a defendant's payment of court costs pursuant
10 to this section.

11 EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 Under current law, court costs for a scheduled violation are
15 the total costs collectible from a defendant upon either an
16 admission of a violation without a hearing or upon a hearing.
17 This bill specifies the hearing must result in an admission of
18 the violation or a conviction in order for court costs to be
19 assessed. The bill prohibits a county attorney from dismissing
20 a scheduled violation in exchange for a defendant's payment of
21 court costs.