

Senate File 521 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 521
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 374)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to payment of reasonable attorney fees for
2 contempt relative to a dissolution of marriage proceeding.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 598.23, subsection 2, Code 2025, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. Direct the person found in contempt to pay
4 the reasonable attorney fees incurred by a party as a result of
5 the person's actions constituting contempt.

6 EXPLANATION

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

9 This bill allows a court that finds a person has willfully
10 disobeyed a temporary order or final decree in a dissolution of
11 marriage proceeding to direct the person to pay the reasonable
12 attorney fees incurred by a party as a result of the person's
13 actions constituting contempt.

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