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H 1212. FEE FOR DROPPING CRIMINAL CHARGES. Filed 4/7/09. *TO AUTHORIZE A FEE TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST A COMPLAINANT WHO DROPS THE CHARGES OR REFUSES TO COOPERATE WITH THE PROSECUTION.*

Amends GS 7A-304 (Criminal court costs) to give judges the discretion to impose a \$100 fee against a complainant who causes the issuance of criminal process but subsequently refuses to cooperate with the prosecution of the case. Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts to notify potential complainants of the fee and to develop guidelines for judges regarding when to impose the fee.

Effective when it becomes law, except that the discretion to impose the fee becomes effective December 1, 2009.

Intro. by Brubaker.

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