March 3, 2009

S 388. COLLECTION OF OFFENDER FINES AND FEES. Filed 3/3/09. TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL METHODS OF COLLECTING FINES AND FEES OWED BY OFFENDERS AND TO ALLOW COUNTIES TO RETAIN COLLECTION ASSISTANCE FEES.

Current law allows the Judicial Department (Department) in its efforts to collect the fines, fees, and costs owed by offenders who are not sentenced to supervised probation to assess a collection assistance fee if the amount owed by an offender remains unpaid for 30 days after the time allotted by the court for payment to be made. Amends GS 7A-321(b) to permit the county in which the collection assistance fee is collected to retain that fee. Also authorizes the following additional methods for the Department to collect fines and fees from offenders: (1) pursue civil liens and judgments against offenders; (2) report delinquencies to credit agencies; and (3) make referrals to credit counseling agencies and debt restructuring services.

Effective July 1, 2009, and applies to cases adjudicated on or after that date. **Intro. by Clodfelter.** GS 7A

May 12, 2009

S 388. COLLECTION OF OFFENDER FINES AND FEES. Filed 3/3/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Rewrites title as: *AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE COLLECTION OF OFFENDER FINES AND FEES.* Rewrites amendment to GS 7A-321 to provide that the Judicial Department (Department) may contract with a county or collection agency to collect unpaid fines, fees, costs, and restitution owed by offenders not sentenced to supervised probation if the amounts remain unpaid 30 days after the time allotted by the court. Allows the Department to assess the offender a collection assistance fee, and puts a cap on that fee (was, a collection assistance fee may be retained by the county). Changes effective date to make bill effective when it becomes law (was, July 1, 2009). Makes technical changes. Removes proposed provisions authorizing the Department to (1) pursue civil liens and judgments against offenders, (2) report delinquencies to credit agencies, and (3) make referrals to credit counseling agencies and debt restructuring services. Also deletes that the Department may intercept tax refund checks.

May 26, 2010

S 388. MODIFY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROPERTY CREDIT (NEW). Filed 3/3/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition: completely rewrites bill. Title of new bill is TO REMOVE CERTAIN GRANTS MADE UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT TAX ACT FROM THE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR WHICH A CREDIT FOR INVESTING IN RENEWABLE ENERGY IS NOT AVAILABLE. Rewrites GS 105-129.16A to provide that definition of public funds (which make a renewable energy project ineligible for the tax credit created in that section) does not include funds from Section 1603 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Effective January 1, 2009.

June 8, 2010

SL 2010-4 (S 388). MODIFY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROPERTY CREDIT. AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN GRANTS MADE UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT TAX ACT FROM THE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR WHICH A CREDIT FOR INVESTING IN RENEWABLE ENERGY PROPERTY IS NOT AVAILABLE. Summarized in Daily Bulletin 5/26/10. Enacted June 7, 2010. Effective January 1, 2009.