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2 88th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2057

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5 By: Representative Stubblefield

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PLAINTIFF TO PAY THE DEFENDANT'S
9 REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES, COURT COSTS, AND OTHER
10 EXPENSES IF THE COURT FINDS THE LAWSUIT TO BE
11 FRIVOLOUS; TO REQUIRE THE DEFENDANT TO ENGAGE IN A
12 GOOD-FAITH EFFORT TO SETTLE THE CASE PRIOR TO TRIAL;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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16 TO REQUIRE A PLAINTIFF TO PAY THE
17 DEFENDANT'S REASONABLE FEES AND COSTS IF
18 THE COURT FINDS THE LAWSUIT TO BE
19 FRIVOLOUS AND TO REQUIRE THE DEFENDANT TO
20 ATTEMPT GOOD-FAITH SETTLEMENT PRIOR TO
21 TRIAL.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 SECTION 1. The purpose of this act is to require a plaintiff to pay
28 the defendant's reasonable fees and costs if the court finds the lawsuit
29 frivolous and to require a defendant to engage in good-faith settlement
30 efforts before the trial.

