



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5268

LCO No. 1821



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AWARD OF REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES TO THE PREVAILING PARTY IN A FAMILY RELATIONS MATTER ALLEGING CONTEMPT OF A COURT ORDER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 46b-87 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

3 When any person is found in contempt of an order of the Superior
4 Court entered under section 46b-60 to 46b-62, inclusive, 46b-81 to 46b-
5 83, inclusive, or 46b-86, the court [may] shall award to the petitioner a
6 reasonable attorney's fee and the fees of the officer serving the contempt
7 citation, such sums to be paid by the person found in contempt,
8 provided if any such person is found not to be in contempt of such order,
9 the court [may] shall award a reasonable attorney's fee to such person.
10 The costs of commitment of any person imprisoned for contempt of
11 court by reason of failure to comply with such an order shall be paid by
12 the state as in criminal cases.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2022	46b-87

Statement of Purpose:

To require the court to make an award of attorney's fees to the prevailing party in a family relations matters alleging contempt of a court order.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]