

House Bill 438 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Powell of the 171st, Welch of the 110th, Willard of the 51st, Allison of the 8th, Lindsey of the 54th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 15-23-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 collection of additional legal costs in civil actions for purposes of providing court-connected
3 or court-referred alternative dispute resolution programs, so as to increase the maximum
4 amount of such additional cost; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 15-23-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to collection of
8 additional legal costs in civil actions for purposes of providing court-connected or
9 court-referred alternative dispute resolution programs, is amended by revising subsection (a)
10 as follows:

11 "(a) For the purposes of providing court-connected or court-referred alternative dispute
12 resolution programs, a sum not to exceed ~~\$7.50~~ \$10.00, in addition to all other legal costs,
13 may be charged and collected in each civil action or case filed in the superior, state,
14 probate, and magistrate courts and other courts within the county that have the same
15 powers and jurisdiction as state or magistrate courts."

16 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.