

HOUSE BILL 194: State Bar Authority for Certain Fees.

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 194 would authorize the North Carolina State Bar (State Bar) to charge and collect administrative fees for both of the following:

• Noncompliance suspension

Participation in a diversion program offered by the Grievance Committee.

BILL ANALYSIS:

House Bill 194 would authorize the State Bar to charge and collect administrative fees in both the following instances:

- When an attorney is issued a noncompliance suspension. A noncompliance suspension may be issued when an attorney has failed to respond to a notice or request from the Grievance Committee.
- When an attorney participates in a diversion program offered by the Grievance Committee.

The amount of the administrative fee would be determined by the State Bar; it could be as low as \$350 and as high as \$750.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective October 1, 2023.

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