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Amendment to HB 498-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to the payment of bail commissioners.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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7 1 Bail and Recognizances; Determination of Indigence and Payment of Bail Commissioner Fee.

8 Amend RSA 597:2-b, I to read as follows:

9 I. The arresting officer, at the point of arrest, shall inform the offender of the availability of
10 the services of the bail commissioner. If the offender elects to utilize the bail commissioner's services
11 and is not indigent, the offender shall pay the bail commissioner's fee directly to the bail
12 commissioner. If the offender elects to utilize the services of the bail commissioner, but claims
13 indigence, the court, ***based on the uniform criteria developed to determine indigence for the***
14 ***purpose of paying a bail commissioner's fee under paragraph II***, shall~~[, to the extent of~~
15 ~~available funding, utilize all possible means to]~~ pay the bail commissioner's fee~~[5]~~ and shall include
16 written evidence of fee payment in the offender's case file.

17 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the court to determine the offender's indigence using established criteria for the purpose of the offender's ability to pay the bail commissioner's fee.