

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to attorney fees; amending ss. 784.046
3 and 784.0485, F.S.; prohibiting attorney fee awards in
4 certain injunction proceedings; providing an effective
5 date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (2) of
10 section 784.046, Florida Statutes, to read:

11 784.046 Action by victim of repeat violence, sexual
12 violence, or dating violence for protective injunction; dating
13 violence investigations, notice to victims, and reporting;
14 pretrial release violations; public records exemption.—

15 (2) There is created a cause of action for an injunction
16 for protection in cases of repeat violence, there is created a
17 separate cause of action for an injunction for protection in
18 cases of dating violence, and there is created a separate cause
19 of action for an injunction for protection in cases of sexual
20 violence.

21 (f) Notwithstanding any other law, attorney fees may not
22 be awarded in any proceeding under this section.

23 Section 2. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of
24 section 784.0485, Florida Statutes, to read:

25 784.0485 Stalking; injunction; powers and duties of court

26 | and clerk; petition; notice and hearing; temporary injunction;
27 | issuance of injunction; statewide verification system;
28 | enforcement.-

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30 | (d) Notwithstanding any other law, attorney fees may not
31 | be awarded in any proceeding under this section.

32 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.