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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to attorney fees; amending ss. 784.046 and 784.0485, F.S.; prohibiting attorney fee awards in certain injunction proceedings; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (2) of section 784.046, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

- (2) There is created a cause of action for an injunction for protection in cases of repeat violence, there is created a separate cause of action for an injunction for protection in cases of dating violence, and there is created a separate cause of action for an injunction for protection in cases of sexual violence.
- (f) Notwithstanding any other law, attorney fees may not be awarded in any proceeding under this section.

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

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784.0485 Stalking; injunction; powers and duties of court
and clerk; petition; notice and hearing; temporary injunction;
issuance of injunction; attorney fees; statewide verification
system; enforcement.—
(2)
(d) Notwithstanding any other law, attorney fees may not
be awarded in any proceeding under this section.

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

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