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AN ACT to authorize agencies to assess costs against non-prevailing parties and to amend T.C.A. Section 4-5-325.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE;

Section 1. Tennessee Code Annotated 4-5-325 is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (c):

After any contested case hearing, the agency may assign payment of costs expended by the state for a contested case hearing to the party requesting the hearing if that party does not prevail in the appeal. The costs shall include the costs of a court reporter, the costs of having the agency present, and staff time of state employees spent preparing for the hearing.

Section 2. This Act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.