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substitute to HB 737:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 9-15-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 litigation costs and attorney's fees assessed for frivolous actions and defenses, so as to  
3 provide that attorney's fees and expenses of litigation awarded under this Code section in a  
4 prior action shall be treated as court costs with regard to the filing of any subsequent action;  
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 9-15-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to litigation costs  
9 and attorney's fees assessed for frivolous actions and defenses, is amended by striking  
10 subsection (g) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (g) to read as  
11 follows:

12 "(g) ~~Reserved.~~ Attorney's fees and expenses of litigation awarded under this Code section  
13 in a prior action between the same parties shall be treated as court costs with regard to the  
14 filing of any subsequent action."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.