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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to juvenile justice; amending s. 985.0301,
3	F.S.; permitting a court to retain jurisdiction over a
4	child and the child's parent or legal guardian whom the
5	court has ordered to pay costs, fees, and costs associated
6	with court-appointed counsel until the costs, fees, and
7	costs associated with court-appointed counsel are
8	satisfied; providing intent; amending s. 985.101, F.S.;
9	permitting a child to be taken into custody for violations
10	of pretrial release conditions; authorizing the court to
11	set reasonable conditions of pretrial release; providing
12	examples of such conditions; providing that conditions of
13	pretrial release may not be used to impose home detention
14	when not otherwise authorized; amending s. 985.24, F.S.;
15	providing an additional finding to support use of secure,
16	nonsecure, or home detention; amending s. 985.245, F.S.;
17	providing that placement in detention care under a
18	specified provision does not require a risk assessment;
19	amending s. 985.25, F.S.; providing additional grounds for
20	placement of a child in secure detention care; amending s.
21	985.255, F.S.; providing for continuing nonsecure or home
22	detention care or secure detention care prior to a
23	detention hearing in certain circumstances; amending s.
24	985.26, F.S.; revising time limits for secure, nonsecure,
25	or home detention care under a special detention order;
26	requiring that children who have been released comply with
27	pretrial release conditions; permitting a child to be held
28	in secure detention care for additional time under
29	specified circumstances; providing that certain time

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30 limits do not apply to secure detention under a specified 31 provision; amending s. 985.265, F.S.; specifying some 32 changed circumstances that permit the Department of Juvenile Justice to transfer a child from nonsecure or 33 34 home detention care to secure detention care; amending s. 35 985.27, F.S.; specifying circumstances under which a child 36 who is awaiting placement in a low-risk or minimum-risk 37 residential program may be held in secure detention care; 38 providing time limits on such detention care; providing 39 for secure detention care for absconders from specified 40 types of care; providing for secure detention care of a 41 child awaiting placement in a moderate-risk residential program; providing for secure detention care in specified 42 43 circumstances; creating s. 985.28, F.S.; providing for 44 secure detention of a child in specified circumstances; permitting a parent or legal guardian of a child to be 45 held in contempt of court if he or she knowingly and 46 47 willfully fails to bring or otherwise prevents the child 48 from appearing for trial; amending s. 985.35, F.S.; 49 conforming a cross-reference to changes made by the act; 50 amending s. 985.43, F.S.; providing legislative intent 51 concerning the determination whether to commit a juvenile 52 to the Department of Juvenile Justice and the most 53 appropriate placement level if the juvenile is committed; 54 amending s. 985.433, F.S.; revising provisions relating to 55 recommendations by probation officers to the court 56 concerning placement and any proposed treatment plan of 57 juveniles; specifying that the court has the power to 58 determine appropriate dispositions; requiring that reasons

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59	for a disposition be stated for the record; creating s.
60	938.20, F.S.; permitting each county to create a juvenile
61	crime prevention fund; providing for an additional court
62	cost; providing for administration and use of funds;
63	providing an effective date.
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65	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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67	Section 1. Paragraph (j) of subsection (5) of section
68	985.0301, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (k), and
69	a new paragraph (j) is added to that subsection to read:
70	985.0301 Jurisdiction
71	(5)
72	(j) The court may retain jurisdiction over a child and the
73	child's parent or legal guardian whom the court has ordered to
74	pay costs, fees, and costs associated with court-appointed
75	counsel until the costs, fees, and costs associated with court-
76	appointed counsel are satisfied, regardless of adjudication. The
77	court may retain jurisdiction under this paragraph in conjunction
78	with paragraph (i), or it may retain jurisdiction solely under
79	this paragraph. It is the intent of the Legislature that the
80	child and the child's parent or legal guardian remain responsible
81	for unpaid costs, fees, and costs associated with court-appointed
82	counsel until the unpaid costs, fees, and costs associated with
83	court-appointed counsel are satisfied, even after the child turns
84	19 years of age. The implementation of this paragraph does not,
85	in any way, authorize or otherwise permit details of the juvenile
86	court record to be disclosed except as provided by law.

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87	Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section
88	985.101, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is
89	added to that section, to read:
90	985.101 Taking a child into custody; pretrial release
91	conditions
92	(1) A child may be taken into custody under the following
93	circumstances:
94	(d) By a law enforcement officer who has probable cause to
95	believe that the child is in violation of the <u>conditions of the</u>
96	child's pretrial release, conditions of the child's probation,
97	home detention, postcommitment probation, or conditional release
98	supervision; has absconded from nonresidential commitment; or has
99	escaped from residential commitment.
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101	Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow the
102	detention of a child who does not meet the detention criteria in
103	part V.
104	(5) The circuit court shall have the authority to set
105	reasonable conditions of pretrial release. The child shall comply
106	with all such pretrial release conditions prior to an
107	adjudicatory hearing. Reasonable conditions of pretrial release
108	may include, but are not limited to, the following:
109	(a) The child shall obey all laws.
110	(b) The child shall not possess or carry any weapon.
111	(c) The child shall not possess or use any alcoholic
112	beverage or any illegal drug or associate with those who do.
113	(d) The child shall obey all reasonable household rules.
114	(e) The child shall attend school regularly, including all
115	classes.

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116	(f) The child shall abide by the curfew set by his or her
117	parents or guardian or as set by the court.
118	(g) The child shall have no contact with any codefendants,
119	an alleged victim, or the family of any alleged victim.
120	(h) The child shall not return to the scene of the alleged
121	crime.
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123	The circuit court is not authorized to use conditions of pretrial
124	release under this subsection to impose home detention on a child
125	who does not otherwise qualify for home detention.
126	Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 985.24, Florida
127	Statutes, is amended to read:
128	985.24 Use of detention; prohibitions
129	(1) All determinations and court orders regarding the use
130	of secure, nonsecure, or home detention <u>care</u> shall be based
131	primarily upon findings that the child:
132	(a) Presents a substantial risk of not appearing at a
133	subsequent hearing;
134	(b) Presents a substantial risk of inflicting bodily harm
135	on others as evidenced by recent behavior;
136	(c) Presents a history of committing a property offense
137	prior to adjudication, disposition, or placement;
138	(d) Has been adjudicated delinquent and committed to the
139	department in a residential facility, but is on home or nonsecure
140	detention care while awaiting placement, and:
141	1. Absconds from home or nonsecure detention care or
142	otherwise violates the terms of release; or
143	2. There is probable cause to believe that the child has
144	committed a new violation of law while awaiting placement;

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145	(e) (d) Has committed contempt of court by:
146	1. Intentionally disrupting the administration of the
147	court;
148	2. Intentionally disobeying a court order; or
149	3. Engaging in a punishable act or speech in the court's
150	presence which shows disrespect for the authority and dignity of
151	the court; or
152	(f) (e) Requests protection from imminent bodily harm.
153	Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 985.245, Florida
154	Statutes, is amended to read:
155	985.245 Risk assessment instrument
156	(1) All determinations and court orders regarding placement
157	of a child into detention care shall comply with all requirements
158	and criteria provided in this part and shall be based on a risk
159	assessment of the child, unless the child is placed into
160	detention care as provided in s. 985.255(2) or s. 985.28.
161	Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
162	985.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
163	985.25 Detention intake
164	(1) The juvenile probation officer shall receive custody of
165	a child who has been taken into custody from the law enforcement
166	agency and shall review the facts in the law enforcement report
167	or probable cause affidavit and make such further inquiry as may
168	be necessary to determine whether detention care is required.
169	(b) The juvenile probation officer shall base the decision
170	whether or not to place the child into secure detention care,
171	home detention care, or nonsecure detention care on an assessment
172	of risk in accordance with the risk assessment instrument and
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173 procedures developed by the department under s. 985.245. However, 174 a child shall be placed in secure detention care if:

175 1. The child is charged with possessing or discharging a 176 firearm on school property in violation of s. 790.115;

177 2. The child is alleged to have absconded from home or 178 nonsecure detention care or the child otherwise violates the 179 terms of release after adjudication and commitment to the 180 department but before placement in a residential facility; or

3. There is probable cause to believe the child has committed a new violation of law while on home or nonsecure detention care after adjudication and commitment but before placement in a residential facility shall be placed in secure detention care.

187 Under no circumstances shall the juvenile probation officer or 188 the state attorney or law enforcement officer authorize the 189 detention of any child in a jail or other facility intended or 190 used for the detention of adults, without an order of the court.

191 Section 6. Paragraphs (a) through (j) of subsection (1) of 192 section 985.255, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs 193 (c) through (l), respectively, new paragraphs (a) and (b) are 194 added to that subsection, and paragraphs (a) and (c) of 195 subsection (3) of that section are amended, to read:

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985.255 Detention criteria; detention hearing .--

Subject to s. 985.25(1), a child taken into custody and (1)placed into nonsecure or home detention care or detained in 199 secure detention care prior to a detention hearing may continue 200 to be detained by the court if:

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201 (a) The child is alleged to have absconded from home or 202 nonsecure detention care or otherwise violates the terms of 203 release after adjudication and commitment but while awaiting 204 placement in a residential facility. 205 There is probable cause to believe the child has (b) 206 committed a new violation of law while on home or nonsecure 207 detention care after adjudication and commitment but while 208 awaiting placement in a residential facility. 209 (3) (a) A child who meets any of the criteria in subsection 210 (1) and who is ordered to be detained under that subsection shall be given a hearing within 24 hours after being taken into 211 212 custody. The purpose of the detention hearing is to determine the 213 existence of probable cause that the child has committed the delinguent act or violation of law that he or she is charged with 214 215 and the need for continued detention. Unless a child is detained 216 under paragraph (1)(a), paragraph (1)(b), paragraph (1)(f)(d), or 217 paragraph (1) (g) (e), the court shall use the results of the risk assessment performed by the juvenile probation officer and, based 218 on the criteria in subsection (1), shall determine the need for 219 continued detention. A child placed into secure, nonsecure, or 220 221 home detention care may continue to be so detained by the court. 222 A child detained under paragraph (1)(a) or paragraph (1)(b) may 223 be placed into secure detention care pending placement in a 224 residential facility.

(c) Except as provided in <u>paragraph (1)(a), paragraph</u>
(<u>1)(b)</u>, s. 790.22(8), or in s. 985.27, when a child is placed
into secure or nonsecure detention care, or into a respite home
or other placement pursuant to a court order following a hearing,
the court order must include specific instructions that direct

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the release of the child from such placement no later than 5 p.m. on the last day of the detention period specified in s. 985.26 or s. 985.27, whichever is applicable, unless the requirements of such applicable provision have been met or an order of continuance has been granted under s. 985.26(3)(4).

235 Section 7. Section 985.26, Florida Statutes, is amended to 236 read:

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985.26 Length of detention .--

238 (1) A child may not be placed into or held in secure, 239 nonsecure, or home detention care for longer than 24 hours unless the court orders such detention care, and the order includes 240 241 specific instructions that direct the release of the child from 242 such detention care, in accordance with s. 985.255. The order 243 shall be a final order, reviewable by appeal under s. 985.534 and 244 the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. Appeals of such orders 245 shall take precedence over other appeals and other pending 246 matters.

A child may not be held in secure, nonsecure, or home 247 (2) detention care under a special detention order for more than 30 248 249 21 days unless an adjudicatory hearing for the case has been 250 commenced in good faith by the court. However, upon good cause 251 being shown that the nature of the charge requires additional 252 time for the prosecution or defense of the case, the court may 253 extend the length of detention for an additional 15 9 days if the 254 child is charged with an offense that would be, if committed by an adult, a capital felony, a life felony, a felony of the first 255 256 degree, or a felony of the second degree involving violence 257 against any individual. If a child is released under this 258 subsection, the child must comply with all conditions of pretrial

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259 release set by the circuit court. Furthermore, a child may be 260 held in secure detention longer than 30 days if: 261 (a) The child is alleged to have absconded from home or 262 nonsecure detention care or otherwise violates the terms of release after adjudication and commitment but while awaiting 263 264 placement in a residential facility; or 265 (b) There is probable cause to believe the child has 266 committed a new violation of law while on home or nonsecure 267 detention care after adjudication and commitment but while 268 awaiting placement in a residential facility. 269 270 If a child meets the criteria in this subsection, the child may 271

271 <u>be held in secure detention care until the child is placed in a</u> 272 <u>residential facility.</u> 273 <u>(3) Except as provided in subsection (2), a child may not</u>

274 be held in secure, nonsecure, or home detention care for more
275 than 15 days following the entry of an order of adjudication.

276 (3) (4) The time limits in subsection subsections (2) and 277 (3) do not include periods of delay resulting from a continuance 278 granted by the court for cause on motion of the child or his or 279 her counsel or of the state. Upon the issuance of an order 280 granting a continuance for cause on a motion by either the child, 281 the child's counsel, or the state, the court shall conduct a 282 hearing at the end of each 72-hour period, excluding Saturdays, 283 Sundays, and legal holidays, to determine the need for continued 284 detention of the child and the need for further continuance of 285 proceedings for the child or the state.

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286 (4) The time limits required under this section do not 287 apply to children held in secure detention care pursuant to s. 288 985.28.

A child who was not in secure detention care at the 289 (5) 290 time of the adjudicatory hearing, but for whom residential 291 commitment is anticipated or recommended, may be placed under a 292 special detention order for a period not to exceed 72 hours, 293 excluding weekends and legal holidays, for the purpose of 294 conducting a comprehensive evaluation as provided in s. 985.185. 295 Motions for the issuance of such special detention order may be 296 made subsequent to a finding of delinguency. Upon said motion, 297 the court shall conduct a hearing to determine the 298 appropriateness of such special detention order and shall order 299 the least restrictive level of detention care necessary to 300 complete the comprehensive evaluation process that is consistent 301 with public safety. Such special detention order may be extended 302 for an additional 72 hours upon further order of the court.

303 (6) If a child is detained and a petition for delinquency 304 is filed, the child shall be arraigned in accordance with the 305 Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure within 48 hours after the 306 filing of the petition for delinquency.

307 Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 985.265, Florida308 Statutes, is amended to read:

309 985.265 Detention transfer and release; education; adult 310 jails.--

(1) If a child is detained under this part, the department may transfer the child from nonsecure or home detention care to secure detention care only if significantly changed circumstances

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20-02596-08 2008792 314 warrant such transfer. Such circumstances include, but are not 315 necessarily limited to: 316 (a) Where a child is alleged to have absconded from home or 317 nonsecure detention care or otherwise violates the terms of release after adjudication and commitment but while awaiting 318 319 placement in a residential facility; or Where probable cause exists that a child has committed 320 (b) 321 a new violation of law while on home or nonsecure detention care 322 after adjudication and commitment but while awaiting placement in 323 a residential facility. 324 Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 985.27, Florida 325 Statutes, is amended to read: 326 985.27 Postcommitment detention while awaiting placement.--327 (1)The court must place all children who are adjudicated 328 and awaiting placement in a commitment program in secure 329 detention care, home detention care, or nonsecure detention care. 330 Children who are in home detention care or nonsecure detention 331 care may be placed on electronic monitoring. 332 A child who is awaiting placement in a low-risk or (a) 333 minimum-risk residential program may only be held in secure 334 detention care if the child violates the conditions of home 335 detention care or nonsecure detention care or otherwise violates 336 the terms of release; the child violates the conditions of the 337 electronic monitoring agreement; or if the child otherwise 338 qualifies for secure detention care under s. 985.255 or under the criteria in this paragraph. The child may be placed in secure 339 detention care for 5 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and 340 341 legal holidays, for the first violation. For any subsequent 342 violation, the court may impose an additional 15 days in secure

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343 detention care. If any child who absconds from home detention 344 care or nonsecure detention care or otherwise violates the terms 345 of release or electronic monitoring, or where there is probable 346 cause that a child committed a new violation of law while on home detention care, nonsecure detention care, or electronic 347 348 monitoring, and is awaiting placement in a residential program 349 may be held in secure detention care until placed in a 350 residential facility or program with credit for time served. A 351 child who is awaiting placement in a low-risk residential program 352 must be removed from detention within 5 days, excluding 353 Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. Any child held in secure 354 detention during the 5 days must meet detention admission 355 criteria under this part. A child who is placed in home detention 356 care, nonsecure detention care, or home or nonsecure detention 357 care with electronic monitoring, while awaiting placement in a 358 minimum-risk or low-risk program, may be held in secure detention 359 care for 5 days, if the child violates the conditions of the home 360 detention care, the nonsecure detention care, or the electronic 361 monitoring agreement. For any subsequent violation, the court may 362 impose an additional 5 days in secure detention care. 363 (b)1. A child who is awaiting placement in a moderate-risk 364 residential program must be placed in secure detention care, home 365 detention care, or nonsecure detention care. Any child held in 366 secure detention care must meet detention admission criteria 367 under this part.

368 <u>2. A child may not be held in secure detention care longer</u> 369 <u>than 15 days while awaiting placement in a moderate-risk</u> 370 <u>residential facility, except that any child shall be held in</u>

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371	secure detention care until placed in a residential facility or
372	program with credit for time served if:
373	a. The child is alleged to have absconded from home
374	detention care or nonsecure detention care or otherwise violated
375	the terms of release or electronic monitoring; or
376	b. Where probable cause exists that a child committed a new
377	violation of law while on home detention care, nonsecure
378	detention care, or electronic monitoring and the child is
379	awaiting placement in a residential program. A child who is
380	awaiting placement in a moderate-risk residential program must be
381	removed from detention within 5 days, excluding Saturdays,
382	Sundays, and legal holidays. Any child held in secure detention
383	during the 5 days must meet detention admission criteria under
384	this part. The department may seek an order from the court
385	authorizing continued detention for a specific period of time
386	necessary for the appropriate residential placement of the child.
387	However, such continued detention in secure detention care may
388	not exceed 15 days after entry of the commitment order, excluding
389	Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, and except as otherwise
390	provided in this section. A child who is placed in home detention
391	care, nonsecure detention care, or home or nonsecure detention
392	care with electronic monitoring, while awaiting placement in a
393	moderate-risk program, may be held in secure detention care for 5
394	days, if the child violates the conditions of the home detention
395	care, the nonsecure detention care, or the electronic monitoring
396	agreement. For any subsequent violation, the court may impose an
397	additional 5 days in secure detention care.

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398	(c) If the child is committed to a high-risk residential
399	program, the child must be held in <u>secure</u> detention care until
400	placement or commitment is accomplished.
401	(d) If the child is committed to a maximum-risk residential
402	program, the child must be held in <u>secure</u> detention care until
403	placement or commitment is accomplished.
404	Section 10. Section 985.28, Florida Statutes, is created to
405	read:
406	985.28 Appearance in court; pretrial detention; contempt
407	(1) A child may be held in secure detention care if, after
408	proper notice, the child refuses to appear in court, runs away,
409	or otherwise intentionally avoids his or her appearance in court.
410	The court may hold the child in secure detention care until the
411	trial concludes, regardless of the results of the risk assessment
412	instrument.
413	(2) A parent or legal guardian, after being properly
414	noticed, who knowingly and willfully fails to bring or otherwise
415	prevents a child from appearing for trial may be held in contempt
416	of court.
417	Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 985.35, Florida
418	Statutes, is amended to read:
419	985.35 Adjudicatory hearings; withheld adjudications;
420	orders of adjudication
421	(1) The adjudicatory hearing must be held as soon as
422	practicable after the petition alleging that a child has
423	committed a delinquent act or violation of law is filed and in
424	accordance with the Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure; but
425	reasonable delay for the purpose of investigation, discovery, or
426	procuring counsel or witnesses shall be granted. If the child is

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427 being detained, the time limitations in s. 985.26(2) and (3) 428 apply.

429 Section 12. Subsection (4) is added to section 985.43,430 Florida Statutes, to read:

985.43 Predisposition reports; other evaluations.--

432 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature that the court is
433 in the best position to weigh all facts and circumstances to
434 determine whether or not to commit a juvenile to the department
435 and to determine the most appropriate placement level for a
436 juvenile committed to the department.

437 Section 13. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (7) of 438 section 985.433, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

985.433 Disposition hearings in delinquency cases.--When a child has been found to have committed a delinquent act, the following procedures shall be applicable to the disposition of the case:

If the court determines that the child should be 443 (7) 444 adjudicated as having committed a delinquent act and should be 445 committed to the department, such determination shall be in 446 writing or on the record of the hearing. The determination shall 447 include a specific finding of the reasons for the decision to 448 adjudicate and to commit the child to the department, including 449 any determination that the child was a member of a criminal 450 street gang.

(a) The juvenile probation officer shall <u>make a</u>
recommendation to the court concerning placement and any proposed
<u>treatment plan</u> recommend to the court the most appropriate
placement and treatment plan, specifically identifying the
restrictiveness level most appropriate for the child. If the

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456 court has determined that the child was a member of a criminal 457 street gang, that determination shall be given great weight in 458 identifying the most appropriate restrictiveness level for the 459 child. The court shall consider the department's recommendation 460 in making its commitment decision.

461 (b) The court may shall commit the child to the department 462 at the restrictiveness level identified by the department or the 463 court may order placement at a different restrictiveness level. 464 The court may determine the disposition on the same factors as 465 the department considered in the department's predisposition 466 report and placement recommendation even if the court reaches a 467 different conclusion. The court may commit the child to a 468 different restrictiveness level than recommended by the 469 department. The court shall state for the record the reasons for 470 the disposition imposed that establish by a preponderance of the 471 evidence why the court is disregarding the assessment of the 472 child and the restrictiveness level recommended by the 473 department. Any party may appeal the court's findings resulting 474 in a modified level of restrictiveness under this paragraph. 475 Section 14. Section 938.20, Florida Statutes, is created to 476 read: 477 938.20 County juvenile crime prevention fund.--478 (1) Notwithstanding s. 318.121, and in addition to ss. 479 938.19 and 939.185, in each county the board of county 480 commissioners may adopt a mandatory court cost to be assessed in 481 specific cases by incorporating by reference the provisions of 482 this section in a county ordinance. Assessments collected by the 483 clerk of the circuit court under this section shall be deposited 484 into an account specifically for the administration of the

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485	county's juvenile crime prevention fund. The proceeds of the
486	county's juvenile crime prevention fund shall only be used to
487	fund local programs whose principal focus is the prevention of
488	juvenile crime, the creation of consequence or suspension
489	centers, truancy programs, and other areas of local concern
490	relating to juvenile crime.
491	(2) A sum of up to \$50 shall be assessed as a court cost in
492	the circuit court in the county against each juvenile who pleads
493	guilty or nolo contendere to, or is found guilty of, regardless
494	of adjudication, a violation of criminal law or municipal or
495	county ordinance.
496	(3) The assessment for court costs under this section shall
497	be assessed in addition to any other cost or fee and may not be
498	deducted from the proceeds of any other cost that is received by
499	the county.
500	(4)(a) The clerk of the circuit court shall collect the
501	assessments for court costs under this section and shall remit
502	the assessments to the county's juvenile crime prevention fund
503	monthly.
504	(b) The clerk of the circuit court shall withhold 3 percent
505	of the assessments collected, which shall be retained as fee
506	income of the office of the clerk of the circuit court.
507	(5) A county's juvenile crime prevention fund must account
508	for all funds received and disbursed under this section in a
509	written report to the board of county commissioners of that
510	county. The report must be given to the commissioners by August 1
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JII	of each year unless a different date is required by the

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513	(6) A county's juvenile crime prevention fund may be
514	administered by a nonprofit organization, a law enforcement
515	agency, the court administrator, the clerk of the circuit court,
516	a county agency, or another similar agency authorized by the
517	board of county commissioners of that county.
518	Section 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.