

Bill No. SB 200
Amendment No. ____

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11	Senator Klein moved the following amendment:		
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13	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)		
14	Delete everything after the enacting clause		
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16	and insert:		
17	Section 1. Section 938.35, Florida Statutes, is		
18	created to read:		
19	<u>938.35 Collection of court-related financial</u>		
20	<u>obligations.--Any provision of law notwithstanding, a county</u>		
21	<u>may pursue the collection of any fines, court costs, or other</u>		
22	<u>costs imposed by the court which remain unpaid for 90 days or</u>		
23	<u>more, or refer such collection to a private attorney who is a</u>		
24	<u>member in good standing of The Florida Bar or collection agent</u>		
25	<u>who is registered and in good standing pursuant to chapter</u>		
26	<u>559. In pursuing the collection of such unpaid financial</u>		
27	<u>obligations through a private attorney or collection agent,</u>		
28	<u>the governing body of the county must determine that such</u>		
29	<u>collection is cost-effective and the county must follow</u>		
30	<u>applicable procurement practices. The costs of collection,</u>		
31	<u>including a reasonable attorney's fee, may be recovered,</u>		

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1 except that such fines and costs of collection may not exceed
2 40 percent of the total fines and costs owed.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.
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7 And the title is amended as follows:

8 Delete everything before the enacting clause
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10 and insert:

11 A bill to be entitled
12 An act relating to fines and court costs;
13 creating s. 938.35, F.S.; providing that a
14 county may assign the collection of fines,
15 court costs, and other costs imposed by the
16 court arising from offenses committed in the
17 county and remaining unpaid after a certain
18 period to a private attorney or collection
19 agency under specified circumstances; providing
20 guide lines and procedures; providing
21 attorney's fees to offset collection costs;
22 providing a limitation; providing an effective
23 date.
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