

By Senator Smith

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to crimes against children;  
3           creating s. 938.10, F.S.; imposing an  
4           additional court cost against persons who plead  
5           guilty or nolo contendere to, or who are found  
6           guilty of, certain crimes against minors;  
7           requiring the clerk of the court to deposit the  
8           proceeds of the court cost into the State  
9           Treasury for deposit into a specified trust  
10          fund to be used to fund children's advocacy  
11          centers; requiring the clerk of the court to  
12          retain a portion of the court cost as a service  
13          charge; providing an effective date.

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

17           Section 1. Section 938.10, Florida Statutes, is  
18 created to read:

19           938.10 Additional court cost imposed in cases of  
20 certain crimes against minors.--

21           (1) If a person pleads guilty or nolo contendere to,  
22 or is found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, any offense  
23 against a minor in violation of s. 784.085, chapter 787,  
24 chapter 794, s. 796.03, s. 800.04, chapter 827, s. 847.0145,  
25 or s. 985.4045, the court shall impose a court cost of \$101  
26 against the offender in addition to any other cost or penalty  
27 required by law.

28           (2) Each month the clerk of the court shall transfer  
29 the proceeds of the court cost, less \$1 from each sum  
30 collected, which the clerk shall retain as a service charge,  
31 to the State Treasury for deposit into the Child Advocacy

1 Trust Fund for disbursement to child advocacy centers that are  
2 members of the Florida Network of Children's Advocacy Centers,  
3 Inc.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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7 SENATE SUMMARY

8 Imposes an additional court cost of \$101 against persons  
9 who plead guilty or nolo contendere to, or who are found  
10 guilty of, certain sexual offenses against minors.  
11 Provides for deposit of the proceeds of the court cost  
12 into a trust fund to be used to fund children's advocacy  
13 centers. Provides for the clerk of the court to retain \$1  
14 of each sum collected as a service charge.  
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