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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to mandatory court costs for county
3 delinquency prevention; amending s. 938.17, F.S.; revising
4 language with respect to mandatory court costs for county
5 delinquency prevention; increasing court cost assessments
6 for county delinquency prevention; providing an effective
7 date.

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

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11 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 938.17, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 938.17 County delinquency prevention.--

14 (2) In counties in which the sheriff's office is a partner
15 in a juvenile assessment center pursuant to s. 985.209, or a
16 partner in a suspension program developed in conjunction with
17 the district school board in the county of the sheriff's
18 jurisdiction, the circuit and county court shall assess court
19 costs of \$5 per case, in addition to any other authorized cost
20 or fine, on every person who, with respect to a charge,
21 indictment, prosecution commenced, or petition of delinquency
22 filed in that county or circuit, pleads guilty or nolo
23 contendere to, or is convicted of, regardless of adjudication, a
24 violation of a state criminal statute or a municipal or county
25 ordinance or who pays a fine or civil penalty for any violation
26 of chapter 316 and those in violation of handicapped parking
27 laws. Any person whose adjudication is withheld pursuant to the
28 provisions of s. 318.14(9) or (10) shall also be assessed such
29 cost. The \$5 assessment for court cases shall be assessed in
30 addition to any fine, civil penalty, or other court cost and



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31 shall not be deducted from the proceeds of that portion of any
32 fine or civil penalty which is received by a municipality in the
33 county or by the county in accordance with ss. 316.660 and
34 318.21. The \$5 assessment shall specifically be added to any
35 civil penalty paid for a violation of chapter 316, whether such
36 penalty is paid by mail, paid in person without request for a
37 hearing, or paid after a hearing and determination by the court
38 ~~shall assess court costs of \$3 per case, in addition to any~~
39 ~~other authorized cost or fine, on every person who, with respect~~
40 ~~to a charge, indictment, prosecution commenced, or petition of~~
41 ~~delinquency filed in that county or circuit, pleads guilty, nolo~~
42 ~~contendere to, or is convicted of, or adjudicated delinquent~~
43 ~~for, or has an adjudication withheld for, a felony or~~
44 ~~misdemeanor, or a criminal traffic offense or handicapped~~
45 ~~parking violation under state law, or a violation of any~~
46 ~~municipal or county ordinance, if the violation constitutes a~~
47 ~~misdemeanor under state law.~~

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.