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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to additional court costs in cases of certain crimes against minors; creating s. 938.10, F.S.; imposing an additional court cost against persons who plead guilty or nolo contendere to, or who are found guilty of, certain crimes against minors; requiring the clerk of the court to deposit the proceeds of the court cost into the State Treasury for deposit into a specified trust fund to be used to fund child advocacy centers; requiring the clerk of the court to retain a portion of the court cost as a service charge; requiring annual reports; requiring a report to the Legislature; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

(2) Each month, the clerk of the court shall transfer the proceeds of the court cost, less \$1 from each sum collected which the clerk shall retain as a service charge, to the State

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30 Treasury for deposit into the Child Advocacy Trust Fund for
31 disbursement to the Florida Network of Children's Advocacy
32 Centers, Inc., for the purpose of funding child advocacy centers
33 that are members of the network.

34 (3) At the end of each fiscal year, each child advocacy
35 center receiving revenue from the Child Advocacy Trust Fund must
36 provide a report to the Board of Directors of the Florida
37 Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, Inc., that reflects
38 center expenditures, all sources of revenue received, and
39 outputs that have been standardized and agreed upon by network
40 members and the board of directors, such as the number of
41 clients served, client demographic information, and the number
42 and types of services provided. The Florida Network of
43 Children's Advocacy Centers, Inc., must compile reports from the
44 centers and provide a report to the President of the Senate and
45 the Speaker of the House of Representatives in August of each
46 year beginning in 2005.

47 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, and
48 shall apply to offenses committed on or after that date.
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