

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; requiring annual reports; requiring a  
14          report to the Legislature; providing an  
15          effective date.

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

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

21           938.10 Additional court cost imposed in cases of  
22 certain crimes against minors.--

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

30           (2) Each month the clerk of the court shall transfer  
31 the proceeds of the court cost, less \$1 from each sum

1 collected which the clerk shall retain as a service charge, to  
2 the State Treasury for deposit into the Child Advocacy Trust  
3 Fund for disbursement to the Florida Network of Children's  
4 Advocacy Centers, Inc., for the purpose of funding children's  
5 advocacy centers that are members of the network.

6 (3) At the end of each fiscal year, each children's  
7 advocacy center receiving revenue from the Child Advocacy  
8 Trust Fund must provide a report to the Board of Directors of  
9 the Florida Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, Inc.,  
10 which reflects center expenditures, all sources of revenue  
11 received, and outputs that have been standardized and agreed  
12 upon by network members and the board of directors, such as  
13 the number of clients served, client demographic information,  
14 and number and types of services provided. The Florida Network  
15 of Children's Advocacy Centers, Inc., must compile reports  
16 from the centers and provide a report to the President of the  
17 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives in  
18 August of each year beginning in 2005.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.  
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22 SENATE SUMMARY

23 Imposes an additional court cost of \$101 against persons  
24 who plead guilty or nolo contendere to, or who are found  
25 guilty of, certain sexual offenses against minors.  
26 Provides for deposit of the proceeds of the court cost  
27 into a trust fund to be used to fund children's advocacy  
28 centers. Specifies that funds generated are to be  
29 disbursed to the Florida Network of Children's Advocacy  
30 Centers, Inc. Requires annual reports by the Children's  
31 Advocacy Centers to the Florida Network of Children's  
Advocacy Center's, Inc. Directs the Florida Network of  
Children's Advocacy Centers, Inc., to compile reports  
received from the centers and provide an annual report to  
the Legislature.