

By the Committee on Children and Families; and Senators Smith and Lynn

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to funding for children's
3 advocacy centers; creating s. 938.10, F.S.;
4 imposing an additional court cost against
5 persons who plead guilty or nolo contendere to,
6 or who are found guilty of, certain crimes
7 against minors; requiring the clerk of the
8 court to deposit the proceeds of the court cost
9 into the State Treasury for deposit into a
10 specified trust fund to be used to fund
11 children's advocacy centers; requiring the
12 clerk of the court to retain a portion of the
13 court cost as a service charge; requiring
14 annual reports; requiring a report to the
15 Legislature; amending s. 39.3035, F.S.;
16 requiring compliance with specified statutory
17 provisions in order for a child advocacy center
18 to receive certain funding; directing the
19 Florida Network of Children's Advocacy Centers,
20 Inc., to document such compliance; providing an
21 effective date.

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

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

27 938.10 Additional court cost imposed in cases of
28 certain crimes against minors.--

29 (1) If a person pleads guilty or nolo contendere to,
30 or is found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, any offense
31 against a minor in violation of s. 784.085, chapter 787,

1 chapter 794, s. 796.03, s. 800.04, chapter 827, s. 847.0145,
2 or s. 985.4045, the court shall impose a court cost of \$101
3 against the offender in addition to any other cost or penalty
4 required by law.

5 (2) Each month the clerk of the court shall transfer
6 the proceeds of the court cost, less \$1 from each sum
7 collected which the clerk shall retain as a service charge, to
8 the State Treasury for deposit into the Child Advocacy Trust
9 Fund for disbursement to the Florida Network of Children's
10 Advocacy Centers, Inc., for the purpose of funding children's
11 advocacy centers that are members of the network.

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

25 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 39.3035, Florida
26 Statutes, is amended to read:

27 39.3035 Child advocacy centers; standards; state
28 funding.--

29 (3) A child advocacy center within this state may not
30 receive the funds generated pursuant to s. 983.10, state or
31 federal funds administered by a state agency, or any other

1 funds appropriated by the Legislature unless all of the
2 standards of subsection (1) are met and the screening
3 requirement of subsection (2) is met. The Florida Network of
4 Children's Advocacy Centers, Inc., shall be responsible for
5 tracking and documenting compliance with subsections (1) and
6 (2) for any of the above funds its administers to its member
7 child advocacy centers.~~Any child advocacy center within this~~
8 ~~state that meets the standards of subsection (1) and is~~
9 ~~certified by the Florida Network of Children's Advocacy~~
10 ~~Centers, Inc., as being a full member in the organization~~
11 ~~shall be eligible to receive state funds that are appropriated~~
12 ~~by the Legislature.~~

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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15 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
17 Senate Bill 602

18 Requires that any children's advocacy center receiving funding
19 from the Child Advocacy Trust Fund provide verification of
20 compliance with s. 39.3035, F.S., in its annual report to the
Florida Network.

21 Prohibits a child advocacy center from receiving any state
22 revenue or federal funds through a state agency unless all
statutorily required standards are met and requires that the
Florida Network document this compliance.