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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to Hillsborough County; providing for a fee to be paid by felony offenders in the county; providing for an accounting of such fees and remission of the fee revenues collected by the Department of Corrections; providing the duties of the clerk of the court in connection with the fee revenues remitted; providing for the use of the funds by the board of county commissioners; providing for costs of administration; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each felony offender assessed in Hillsborough County (the "county") in accordance with s. 948.09(1)(a)1., Florida Statutes, shall simultaneously pay a separate and additional \$5-per-month fee to the Department of Corrections (the "department").

Section 2. The department shall remit on a quarterly basis to the Hillsborough County Clerk of the Circuit Court (the "clerk"), as ex officio custodian of the funds of the county, any funds collected pursuant to section 1, less the costs of administration. The department shall collect and maintain an accounting of any such fees assessed, any such fees paid by the offender, the cost of administration, and the amount remitted to the clerk and shall report said accounting to the county's board of county commissioners (the "board") annually.

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29           Section 3. The clerk shall maintain the moneys remitted to  
30 it in accordance with this act in a separate special revenue  
31 account, invest the funds held on deposit pursuant to general  
32 law, and disburse the funds at the direction of the board, less  
33 the costs of administration, and the board may appropriate the  
34 funds for the sole purpose of offsetting some of the costs of  
35 housing state inmates in county jail facilities. The clerk shall  
36 prepare an audit of said special revenue account annually and  
37 deliver same to the board.

38           Section 4. The amount deducted for the costs of  
39 administration by the department and by the clerk shall not  
40 exceed 3 percent of the total revenue generated by the fee to  
41 each, and the amount deducted for the costs of administration  
42 shall be used only for those costs that are solely and directly  
43 attributable to the fee.

44           Section 5. This act shall take effect October 1, 2005.