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See HB 1687

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Hillsborough County;
3 providing for a fee to be paid by felony
4 offenders in the county; providing for an
5 accounting of such fees and remission of the
6 fee revenues collected by the Department of
7 Corrections; providing the duties of the clerk
8 of the court in connection with the fee
9 revenues remitted; providing for the use of the
10 funds by the board of county commissioners;
11 providing for costs of administration;
12 providing an effective date.

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

16 Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
17 each felony offender assessed in Hillsborough County (the
18 "county") in accordance with section 948.09(1)(a)1., Florida
19 Statutes, shall simultaneously pay a separate and additional
20 \$5-per-month fee to the Department of Corrections (the
21 "department").

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

1 Section 3. The clerk shall maintain the moneys
2 remitted to it in accordance with this act in a separate
3 special revenue account, invest the funds held on deposit
4 pursuant to general law, and disburse the funds at the
5 direction of the board, less the costs of administration, and
6 the board may appropriate the funds for the sole purpose of
7 offsetting some of the costs of housing state inmates in
8 county jail facilities. The clerk shall prepare an audit of
9 said special revenue account annually and deliver same to the
10 board.

11 Section 4. The amount deducted for the costs of
12 administration by the department and by the clerk shall not
13 exceed 3 percent of the total revenue generated by the fee to
14 each, and the amount deducted for the costs of administration
15 shall be used only for those costs that are solely and
16 directly attributable to the fee.

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