

By Senator Baker

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1                                     A bill to be entitled  
 2             An act relating to court costs; amending s.  
 3             28.24, F.S.; requiring the clerk of court to  
 4             deposit certain funds for court-related  
 5             technology needs with the chief judge of the  
 6             circuit; requiring the principal county in the  
 7             circuit to use the funds in accordance with a  
 8             strategic plan approved by the chief judge;  
 9             amending s. 29.008, F.S.; requiring that  
 10            certain specified personnel funded by a county  
 11            be under the direction, control, and  
 12            supervision of the chief judge; requiring a  
 13            county to provide benefits to certain employees  
 14            in the same manner as benefits are provided to  
 15            other county employees; providing legislative  
 16            intent that county employees be aggregated for  
 17            purposes of a flexible benefits plan; amending  
 18            s. 29.0081, F.S.; requiring the county to  
 19            provide certain benefits to county-funded court  
 20            employees; requiring that the county be  
 21            considered the employer; providing that  
 22            county-funded court employees and other county  
 23            employees may be aggregated for purposes of a  
 24            flexible benefits plan; amending s. 318.18,  
 25            F.S.; directing the county commission, rather  
 26            than the clerk of court, to report certain  
 27            information to the Governor and other  
 28            designated officers; amending s. 775.083, F.S.;  
 29            removing certain provisions relating to  
 30            specified court costs that must be assessed if  
 31            a defendant pleads nolo contendere to, is

1 convicted of, or is adjudicated delinquent for  
2 a felony, misdemeanor, or criminal traffic  
3 offense; creating s. 938.065, F.S.; requiring  
4 that certain specified court costs be assessed  
5 when a defendant pleads nolo contendere to, is  
6 convicted of, or is adjudicated delinquent for  
7 a felony, misdemeanor, or criminal traffic  
8 offense; transferring, renumbering, and  
9 amending s. 939.185, F.S., relating to  
10 authorization for a board of county  
11 commissioners to adopt by ordinance additional  
12 court costs; providing for the allocation of  
13 the additional court costs; requiring the  
14 county commission to report certain information  
15 to the Governor and other designated officers  
16 by a specified date and quarterly thereafter;  
17 reenacting ss. 55.141(2) and 712.06(3), F.S.,  
18 relating to the satisfaction of judgments and  
19 decrees and the recordation of titles to real  
20 estate, respectively, to incorporate the  
21 amendments made to s. 28.24, F.S., in  
22 references thereto; amending ss. 938.17 and  
23 938.19, F.S.; conforming cross-references;  
24 providing an effective date.

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

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28 Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (12) of section  
29 28.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

30 28.24 Service charges by clerk of the circuit  
31 court.--The clerk of the circuit court shall charge for

1 services rendered by the clerk's office in recording documents  
2 and instruments and in performing the duties enumerated in  
3 amounts not to exceed those specified in this section.  
4 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the clerk  
5 of the circuit court shall provide without charge to the state  
6 attorney, public defender, guardian ad litem, public guardian,  
7 attorney ad litem, and court-appointed counsel paid by the  
8 state, and to the authorized staff acting on behalf of each,  
9 access to and a copy of any public record, if the requesting  
10 party is entitled by law to view the exempt or confidential  
11 record, as maintained by and in the custody of the clerk of  
12 the circuit court as provided in general law and the Florida  
13 Rules of Judicial Administration. The clerk of the circuit  
14 court may provide the requested public record in an electronic  
15 format in lieu of a paper format when capable of being  
16 accessed by the requesting entity.

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18 Charges  
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20 (12) For recording, indexing, and filing any  
21 instrument not more than 14 inches by 8 1/2 inches, including  
22 required notice to property appraiser where applicable:

23 (e) An additional service charge of \$4 per page shall  
24 be paid to the clerk of the circuit court for each instrument  
25 listed in s. 28.222, except judgments received from the courts  
26 and notices of lis pendens, recorded in the official records.  
27 From the additional \$4 service charge collected:

28 1. If the counties maintain legal responsibility for  
29 the costs of the court-related technology needs as defined in  
30 s. 29.008(1)(f)2. and (h), 10 cents shall be distributed to  
31 the Florida Association of Court Clerks and Comptroller, Inc.,

1 | for the cost of development, implementation, operation, and  
2 | maintenance of the clerks' Comprehensive Case Information  
3 | System, in which system all clerks shall participate on or  
4 | before January 1, 2006; \$1.90 shall be retained by the clerk  
5 | to be deposited in the Public Records Modernization Trust Fund  
6 | and used exclusively for funding court-related technology  
7 | needs of the clerk as defined in s. 29.008(1)(f)2. and (h);  
8 | and \$2 shall be ~~distributed to the board of county~~  
9 | ~~commissioners to be~~ used exclusively to fund court-related  
10 | technology, and court technology needs as defined in s.  
11 | 29.008(1)(f)2. and (h) for the state trial courts, state  
12 | attorney, and public defender in that county. The clerk of the  
13 | circuit court for each county in the circuit shall deposit the  
14 | \$2 designated for court-related and court technology needs in  
15 | a fund established in the principal county of the circuit as  
16 | designated by the chief judge of the circuit. The principal  
17 | county must use the funds in conformity with the judicial  
18 | circuit's technology strategic plan approved by the chief  
19 | judge of the circuit. If the counties maintain legal  
20 | responsibility for the costs of the court-related technology  
21 | needs as defined in s. 29.008(1)(f)2. and (h), notwithstanding  
22 | any other provision of law, the county is not required to  
23 | provide additional funding beyond that provided herein for the  
24 | court-related technology needs of the clerk as defined in s.  
25 | 29.008(1)(f)2. and (h). All court records and official records  
26 | are the property of the State of Florida, including any  
27 | records generated as part of the Comprehensive Case  
28 | Information System funded pursuant to this paragraph and the  
29 | clerk of court is designated as the custodian of such records,  
30 | except in a county where the duty of maintaining official  
31 | records exists in a county office other than the clerk of

1 | court or comptroller, such county office is designated the  
2 | custodian of all official records, and the clerk of court is  
3 | designated the custodian of all court records. The clerk of  
4 | court or any entity acting on behalf of the clerk of court,  
5 | including an association, shall not charge a fee to any agency  
6 | as defined in s. 119.011, the Legislature, or the State Court  
7 | System for copies of records generated by the Comprehensive  
8 | Case Information System or held by the clerk of court or any  
9 | entity acting on behalf of the clerk of court, including an  
10 | association.

11 |         2. If the state becomes legally responsible for the  
12 | costs of court-related technology needs as defined in s.  
13 | 29.008(1)(f)2. and (h), whether by operation of general law or  
14 | by court order, \$4 shall be remitted to the Department of  
15 | Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

16 |         Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 29.008, Florida  
17 | Statutes, is amended to read:

18 |             29.008 County funding of court-related functions.--

19 |             (2) Counties shall pay reasonable and necessary  
20 | salaries, benefits, costs, and expenses of the state courts  
21 | system, including associated staff, benefits, and expenses, to  
22 | meet local requirements as specified in this subsection and to  
23 | fulfill the requirements of subsection (1). Personnel funded  
24 | by a county under this section or s. 29.0081 shall be under  
25 | the direction, control, and supervision of the chief judge.  
26 | The county shall provide benefits to such employees in the  
27 | same manner as benefits are provided to other county  
28 | employees, including, but not limited to, those specified in  
29 | ss. 112.08(2)(a), 112.0801, 112.215, 121.021(10), 440.10, and  
30 | 443.036(19). It is the intent of the Legislature that such  
31 | employees and other county employees be aggregated for

1 purposes of a flexible benefits plan pursuant to s. 125 of the  
2 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

3 (a) Local requirements are those specialized programs,  
4 nonjudicial staff, and other expenses associated with  
5 specialized court programs, specialized prosecution needs,  
6 specialized defense needs, or resources required of a local  
7 jurisdiction as a result of special factors or circumstances.

8 Local requirements exist:

9 1. When imposed pursuant to an express statutory  
10 directive, based on such factors as provided in paragraph (b);  
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12 2. When:

13 a. The county has enacted an ordinance, adopted a  
14 local program, or funded activities with a financial or  
15 operational impact on the circuit or a county within the  
16 circuit; or

17 b. Circumstances in a given circuit or county result  
18 in or necessitate implementation of specialized programs, the  
19 provision of nonjudicial staff and expenses to specialized  
20 court programs, special prosecution needs, specialized defense  
21 needs, or the commitment of resources to the court's  
22 jurisdiction.

23 (b) Factors and circumstances resulting in the  
24 establishment of a local requirement include, but are not  
25 limited to:

26 1. Geographic factors;

27 2. Demographic factors;

28 3. Labor market forces;

29 4. The number and location of court facilities; or

30 5. The volume, severity, complexity, or mix of court

31 cases.

1           (c) Local requirements under subparagraph (a)2. must  
2 be determined by the following method:

3           1. The chief judge of the circuit, in conjunction with  
4 the state attorney and the public defender only on matters  
5 that impact their offices, shall identify all local  
6 requirements within the circuit or within each county in the  
7 circuit and shall identify the reasonable and necessary  
8 salaries, costs, and expenses to meet these local  
9 requirements.

10           2. On or before June 1 of each year, the chief judge  
11 shall submit to the board of county commissioners a tentative  
12 budget request for local requirements for the ensuing fiscal  
13 year. The tentative budget must certify a listing of all local  
14 requirements and the reasonable and necessary salaries, costs,  
15 and expenses for each local requirement. The board of county  
16 commissioners may, by resolution, require the certification to  
17 be submitted earlier.

18           3. The board of county commissioners shall thereafter  
19 treat the certification in accordance with the county's  
20 budgetary procedures. A board of county commissioners may:

21           a. Determine whether to provide funding, and to what  
22 extent it will provide funding, for salaries, costs, and  
23 expenses under this section;

24           b. Require a county finance officer to conduct a  
25 preaudit review of any county funds provided under this  
26 section prior to disbursement;

27           c. Require review or audit of funds expended under  
28 this section by the appropriate county office; and

29           d. Provide additional financial support for the courts  
30 system, state attorneys, or public defenders.  
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1 (d) Counties may satisfy these requirements by  
2 entering into interlocal agreements for the collective funding  
3 of these reasonable and necessary salaries, costs, and  
4 expenses.

5 Section 3. Section 29.0081, Florida Statutes, is  
6 amended to read:

7 29.0081 County funding of additional court  
8 personnel.--

9 (1) A county and the chief judge of a judicial circuit  
10 that includes that county may enter into an agreement under  
11 which the county funds personnel positions to assist in the  
12 operation of the circuit.

13 (2) The agreement shall, at a minimum, provide that:

14 (a) Funding for the positions is provided on at least  
15 a court fiscal-year basis.

16 (b) The personnel whose employment is funded under the  
17 agreement are employees of the judicial circuit and are hired,  
18 supervised, managed, and fired by personnel of the judicial  
19 circuit. The county shall provide benefits to such employees  
20 in the same manner as benefits are provided to other county  
21 employees, including, but not limited to, those specified in  
22 ss. 112.08(2)(a), 112.0801, 112.215, 121.021(10), 440.10, and  
23 443.036(19). It is the intent of the Legislature that such  
24 employees and other county employees be aggregated for  
25 purposes of a flexible benefits plan pursuant to s. 125 of the  
26 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

27 (c) The positions terminate upon the expiration of, or  
28 substantial breach of, the agreement or upon the expiration of  
29 county funding for the positions.

30 (3) Positions funded under this section shall be  
31 full-time equivalent positions of the judicial circuit but do



1 ~~shall~~ not count against any formula or similar process used by  
2 the Office of the State Courts Administrator to determine  
3 personnel needs or levels of a judicial circuit.

4 (4) ~~Nothing in~~ This section does not obligate  
5 ~~obligates~~ the state to fund any personnel positions.

6 Section 4. Subsection (13) of section 318.18, Florida  
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 318.18 Amount of civil penalties.--The penalties  
9 required for a noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14  
10 are as follows:

11 (13) In addition to any penalties imposed for  
12 noncriminal traffic infractions under ~~pursuant to~~ this chapter  
13 or imposed for criminal violations listed in s. 318.17, a  
14 board of county commissioners or any unit of local government  
15 which is consolidated as provided by s. 9, Art. VIII of the  
16 State Constitution of 1885, as preserved by s. 6(e), Art. VIII  
17 of the Constitution of 1968:

18 (a) May impose by ordinance a surcharge of up to \$15  
19 for any infraction or violation to fund state court  
20 facilities. The court may ~~shall~~ not waive this surcharge. Up  
21 to 25 percent of the revenue from this ~~such~~ surcharge may be  
22 used to support local law libraries if ~~provided that~~ the  
23 county or unit of local government provides a level of service  
24 equal to that provided prior to July 1, 2004, which shall  
25 include the continuation of library facilities located in or  
26 near the county courthouse or annexes.

27 (b) That imposed increased fees or service charges by  
28 ordinance under s. 28.2401, s. 28.241, or s. 34.041 for the  
29 purpose of securing payment of the principal and interest on  
30 bonds issued by the county before July 1, 2003, to finance  
31 state court facilities, may impose by ordinance a surcharge

1 for any infraction or violation for the exclusive purpose of  
2 securing payment of the principal and interest on bonds issued  
3 by the county before July 1, 2003, to fund state court  
4 facilities until the date of stated maturity. The court may  
5 ~~shall~~ not waive this surcharge. ~~The Such~~ surcharge may not  
6 exceed an amount per violation calculated as the quotient of  
7 the maximum annual payment of the principal and interest on  
8 the bonds as of July 1, 2003, divided by the number of traffic  
9 citations for county fiscal year 2002-2003 certified as paid  
10 by the clerk of the court of the county. ~~The Such~~ quotient  
11 shall be rounded up to the next highest dollar amount. The  
12 bonds may be refunded only if savings will be realized on  
13 payments of debt service and the refunding bonds are scheduled  
14 to mature on the same date or before the bonds being refunded.

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16 A county may not impose both of the surcharges authorized  
17 under paragraphs (a) and (b) concurrently. The county clerk of  
18 ~~court~~ shall report, no later than 30 days after the end of the  
19 quarter, the amount of funds collected, the amount of funds  
20 expended, and the uses of those funds under this subsection  
21 during each quarter of the fiscal year. The county clerk shall  
22 submit the report, in a format developed by the Office of  
23 State Courts Administrator, to the chief judge of the circuit,  
24 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of  
25 the House of Representatives.

26 Section 5. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 775.083,  
27 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

28 775.083 Fines.--

29 ~~(2) In addition to the fines set forth in subsection~~  
30 ~~(1), court costs shall be assessed and collected in each~~  
31 ~~instance a defendant pleads nolo contendere to, or is~~

1 ~~convicted of, or adjudicated delinquent for, a felony, a~~  
2 ~~misdemeanor, or a criminal traffic offense under state law, or~~  
3 ~~a violation of any municipal or county ordinance if the~~  
4 ~~violation constitutes a misdemeanor under state law. The court~~  
5 ~~costs imposed by this section shall be \$50 for a felony and~~  
6 ~~\$20 for any other offense and shall be deposited by the clerk~~  
7 ~~of the court into an appropriate county account for~~  
8 ~~disbursement for the purposes provided in this subsection. A~~  
9 ~~county shall account for the funds separately from other~~  
10 ~~county funds as crime prevention funds. The county, in~~  
11 ~~consultation with the sheriff, must expend such funds for~~  
12 ~~crime prevention programs in the county, including safe~~  
13 ~~neighborhood programs under ss. 163.501-163.523.~~

14 ~~(2)(3)~~ The purpose of this section is to provide  
15 uniform penalty authorization for criminal offenses and, to  
16 this end, a reference to this section constitutes a general  
17 reference under the doctrine of incorporation by reference.

18 Section 6. Section 938.065, Florida Statutes, is  
19 created to read:

20 938.065 County crime prevention programs.--Court costs  
21 shall be assessed and collected in each instance in which a  
22 defendant pleads nolo contendere to, is convicted of, or is  
23 adjudicated delinquent for a felony, a misdemeanor, or a  
24 criminal traffic offense under state law, or a violation of  
25 any municipal or county ordinance if the violation constitutes  
26 a misdemeanor under state law. The court costs imposed by this  
27 section shall be \$50 for a felony and \$20 for any other  
28 offense and shall be deposited by the clerk of the court into  
29 an appropriate county account for disbursement to programs  
30 described in this section. A county shall account for the  
31 funds separately from other county funds as crime prevention

1 funds. The county, in consultation with the sheriff, must  
2 expend the funds for crime prevention programs in the county,  
3 including safe neighborhood programs under ss.  
4 163.501-163.523.

5 Section 7. Section 939.185, Florida Statutes, is  
6 transferred, renumbered as section 938.195, Florida Statutes,  
7 and amended to read:

8 938.195 ~~939.185~~ Assessment of additional court costs  
9 and surcharges.--

10 (1)(a) The board of county commissioners may adopt by  
11 ordinance an additional court cost, not to exceed \$65, to be  
12 imposed by the court when a person pleads guilty or nolo  
13 contendere to, or is found guilty of, any felony, misdemeanor,  
14 or criminal traffic offense under the laws of this state. Such  
15 additional assessment shall be accounted for separately by the  
16 county in which the offense occurred and be used only in the  
17 county imposing this cost, to be allocated as follows:

18 1. Twenty-five percent of the amount collected shall  
19 be allocated to fund innovations to supplement state funding  
20 for the elements of the state courts system identified in s.  
21 29.004 and county funding for local requirements under s.  
22 29.008(2)(a)2.

23 2. Twenty-five percent of the amount collected shall  
24 be allocated to assist counties in providing legal aid  
25 programs required under s. 29.008(3)(a).

26 3. Twenty-five percent of the amount collected shall  
27 be allocated to fund personnel and legal materials for the  
28 public as part of a law library.

29 4. Twenty-five percent of the amount collected shall  
30 be used as determined by the board of county commissioners to  
31 support teen court programs, except as provided in s.

1 938.19(7), juvenile assessment centers, and other juvenile  
2 alternative programs.

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4 Each county receiving funds under this section shall report  
5 the amount of funds collected under ~~pursuant to~~ this section  
6 and an itemized list of expenditures for all authorized  
7 programs and activities. The report shall be submitted in a  
8 format developed by the Supreme Court to the Governor, the  
9 Chief Financial Officer, the President of the Senate, and the  
10 Speaker of the House of Representatives on a quarterly basis  
11 beginning with the quarter ending September 30, 2004.  
12 Quarterly reports shall be submitted no later than 30 days  
13 after the end of the quarter. Any unspent funds at the close  
14 of the county fiscal year allocated under subparagraphs 2.,  
15 3., and 4., shall be transferred for use pursuant to  
16 subparagraph 1.

17 (b) In addition to the court costs imposed under  
18 paragraph (a) and any other cost, fine, or penalty imposed by  
19 law, any unit of local government which is consolidated as  
20 provided by s. 9, Art. VIII of the State Constitution of 1885,  
21 as preserved by s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution  
22 of 1968, and which is granted the authority in the State  
23 Constitution to exercise all the powers of a municipal  
24 corporation, and any unit of local government operating under  
25 a home rule charter adopted pursuant to ss. 10, 11, and 24,  
26 Art. VIII of the State Constitution of 1885, as preserved by  
27 s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution of 1968, which is  
28 granted the authority in the State Constitution to exercise  
29 all the powers conferred now or hereafter by general law upon  
30 municipalities, may impose by ordinance a surcharge in the  
31 amount of \$85 to be imposed by the court when a person pleads

1 guilty or nolo contendere to, or is found guilty of, any  
2 felony, misdemeanor, or criminal traffic offense under the  
3 laws of this state. Revenue from the surcharge shall be  
4 transferred to such unit of local government for the purpose  
5 of replacing fine revenue deposited into the clerk's fine and  
6 forfeiture fund under s. 142.01. Proceeds from the imposition  
7 of the surcharge authorized in this paragraph ~~may shall~~ not be  
8 used for the purpose of securing payment of the principal and  
9 interest on bonds. This paragraph, and any surcharge imposed  
10 under ~~pursuant to~~ this paragraph, shall stand repealed on  
11 September 30, 2007.

12 (c) The disbursement of costs collected under this  
13 section shall be subordinate in priority order of disbursement  
14 to all other state-imposed costs authorized in this chapter,  
15 restitution or other compensation to victims, and child  
16 support payments.

17 (2) The court shall order a person to pay the  
18 additional court cost. If the person is determined to be  
19 indigent, the clerk shall defer payment of this cost.

20 Section 8. For the purpose of incorporating the  
21 amendments made by this act to section 28.24, Florida  
22 Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (2) of section  
23 55.141, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

24 55.141 Satisfaction of judgments and decrees; duties  
25 of clerk.--

26 (2) Upon such payment, the clerk shall execute and  
27 record in the official records a satisfaction of judgment upon  
28 payment of the recording charge prescribed in s. 28.24(12).  
29 Upon payment of the amount required in subsection (1) and the  
30 recording charge required by this subsection and execution and  
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1 recordation of the satisfaction by the clerk, any lien created  
2 by the judgment is satisfied and discharged.

3 Section 9. For the purpose of incorporating the  
4 amendments made by this act to section 28.24, Florida  
5 Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (3) of section  
6 712.06, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

7 712.06 Contents of notice; recording and indexing.--

8 (3) The clerk of the circuit court shall, upon such  
9 filing, mail by registered or certified mail to the purported  
10 owner of said property, as stated in such notice, a copy  
11 thereof and shall enter on the original, before recording the  
12 same, a certificate showing such mailing. For preparing the  
13 certificate, the claimant shall pay to the clerk the service  
14 charge as prescribed in s. 28.24(8) and the necessary costs of  
15 mailing, in addition to the recording charges as prescribed in  
16 s. 28.24(12). If the notice names purported owners having more  
17 than one address, the person filing the same shall furnish a  
18 true copy for each of the several addresses stated, and the  
19 clerk shall send one such copy to the purported owners named  
20 at each respective address. Such certificate shall be  
21 sufficient if the same reads substantially as follows:

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23 I hereby certify that I did on this ....., mail by  
24 registered (or certified) mail a copy of the foregoing notice  
25 to each of the following at the address stated:

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27 ...(Clerk of the circuit court)..  
28 of .... County, Florida,  
29 By ...(Deputy clerk)..  
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1 The clerk of the circuit court is not required to mail to the  
2 purported owner of such property any such notice that pertains  
3 solely to the preserving of any covenant or restriction or any  
4 portion of a covenant or restriction.

5 Section 10. Section 938.17, Florida Statutes, is  
6 amended to read:

7 938.17 County delinquency prevention; juvenile  
8 assessment centers and school board suspension programs.--

9 (1) Prior to the use of costs received pursuant to s.  
10 938.195 ~~s. 939.185~~, the sheriff's office of the county must be  
11 a partner in a written agreement with the Department of  
12 Juvenile Justice to participate in a juvenile assessment  
13 center or with the district school board to participate in a  
14 suspension program.

15 (2) Assessments collected by clerks of the circuit  
16 courts comprised of more than one county shall remit the funds  
17 collected pursuant to s. 938.195 ~~s. 939.185~~ to the county in  
18 which the offense at issue was committed for deposit and  
19 disbursement.

20 (3) Any other funds the sheriff's office obtains for  
21 the implementation or operation of an assessment center or  
22 suspension program may be deposited into the designated  
23 account for disbursement to the sheriff as needed.

24 (4) A sheriff's office that receives proceeds pursuant  
25 to s. 938.195 ~~s. 939.185~~ shall account for all funds annually  
26 by August 1 in a written report to the juvenile justice county  
27 council if funds are used for assessment centers, and to the  
28 district school board if funds are used for suspension  
29 programs.

30 Section 11. Subsection (7) of section 938.19, Florida  
31 Statutes, is amended to read:



1 938.19 Teen courts.--

2 (7) A teen court administered in a county that adopts  
3 an ordinance to assess court costs under this section may not  
4 receive court costs collected under s. 938.195(1)(a)4 ~~s.~~  
5 ~~939.185(1)(a)4~~.

6 Section 12. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires the clerk of court to deposit certain funds for court-related technology needs with the chief judge of the circuit. Directs the principal county in the circuit to use the funds in accordance with a strategic plan approved by the chief judge which is designed to address the court-related technology needs of each county. Requires that certain county-paid employees be under the supervision and control of the chief judge. Requires the county to provide certain benefits to county-funded court employees. Provides that county-funded court employees and other county employees may be aggregated for purposes of a flexible benefits plan. Requires that certain specified court costs be assessed whenever a defendant pleads nolo contendere to, is convicted of, or is adjudicated delinquent for a felony, misdemeanor, or criminal traffic offense. Authorizes a board of county commissioners to adopt by ordinance additional court costs. Provides for the allocation of the additional court costs. Requires the county commission to report certain information to the Governor and other designated officers by a specified date and quarterly thereafter.