Florida Senate - 2007

CS for SB 2162

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Villalobos

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to local government funding;
3	amending s. 318.18, F.S.; deleting a specific
4	ending date for a surcharge imposed by certain
5	local governments on penalties for noncriminal
6	infractions; amending s. 938.19, F.S.;
7	providing that a court cost applies to juvenile
8	delinquency proceedings; amending s. 939.185,
9	F.S.; deleting a specific ending date for a
10	surcharge imposed by certain local governments
11	on penalties for noncriminal violations and
12	applying such surcharges to delinquency
13	proceedings; providing an effective date.
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15	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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17	Section 1. Subsection (14) of section 318.18, Florida
18	Statutes, is amended to read:
19	318.18 Amount of civil penaltiesThe penalties
20	required for a noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14
21	are as follows:
22	(14) In addition to any penalties imposed for
23	noncriminal traffic infractions under this chapter or imposed
24	for criminal violations listed in s. 318.17, any unit of local
25	government that is consolidated as provided by s. 9, Art. VIII
26	of the State Constitution of 1885, as preserved by s. 6(e),
27	Art. VIII of the State Constitution of 1968, and that is
28	granted the authority in the State Constitution to exercise
29	all the powers of a municipal corporation, and any unit of
30	local government operating under a home rule charter adopted
31	pursuant to ss. 10, 11, and 24, Art. VIII of the State
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Constitution of 1885, as preserved by s. 6(e), Art. VIII of 1 2 the State Constitution of 1968, that is granted the authority in the State Constitution to exercise all the powers conferred 3 now or hereafter by general law upon municipalities, may 4 impose by ordinance a surcharge of up to \$15 for any 5 6 infraction or violation. Revenue from the surcharge shall be 7 transferred to such unit of local government for the purpose 8 of replacing fine revenue deposited into the clerk's fine and forfeiture fund under s. 142.01. The court may not waive this 9 surcharge. Proceeds from the imposition of the surcharge 10 authorized in this subsection shall not be used for the 11 12 purpose of securing payment of the principal and interest on 13 bonds. This subsection, and any surcharge imposed pursuant to this subsection, shall stand repealed September 30, 2007. 14 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 938.19, Florida 15 16 Statutes, is amended to read: 17 938.19 Teen courts.--(2) A sum of up to \$3 shall be assessed as a court 18 cost in the circuit and county court in the county against 19 each person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or is 20 21 convicted of, regardless of adjudication, or adjudicated 22 delinquent for a violation of a criminal law, a delinquent 23 act, or a municipal or county ordinance, or who pays a fine or civil penalty for any violation of chapter 316. Any person 2.4 whose adjudication is withheld under s. 318.14(9) or (10) 25 shall also be assessed the cost. 26 27 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 939.185, Florida 2.8 Statutes, is amended to read: 939.185 Assessment of additional court costs and 29 30 surcharges.--31

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1	(1)(a) The board of county commissioners may adopt by
2	ordinance an additional court cost, not to exceed \$65, to be
3	imposed by the court when a person pleads guilty or nolo
4	contendere to, or is found guilty of, or adjudicated
5	<u>delinquent for,</u> any felony, misdemeanor, <u>delinquent act,</u> or
6	criminal traffic offense under the laws of this state. Such
7	additional assessment shall be accounted for separately by the
8	county in which the offense occurred and be used only in the
9	county imposing this cost, to be allocated as follows:
10	1. Twenty-five percent of the amount collected shall
11	be allocated to fund innovations to supplement state funding
12	for the elements of the state courts system identified in s.
13	29.004 and county funding for local requirements under s.
14	29.008(2)(a)2.
15	2. Twenty-five percent of the amount collected shall
16	be allocated to assist counties in providing legal aid
17	programs required under s. 29.008(3)(a).
18	3. Twenty-five percent of the amount collected shall
19	be allocated to fund personnel and legal materials for the
20	public as part of a law library.
21	4. Twenty-five percent of the amount collected shall
22	be used as determined by the board of county commissioners to
23	support teen court programs, except as provided in s.
24	938.19(7), juvenile assessment centers, and other juvenile
25	alternative programs.
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27	Each county receiving funds under this section shall report
28	the amount of funds collected pursuant to this section and an
29	itemized list of expenditures for all authorized programs and
30	activities. The report shall be submitted in a format
31	developed by the Supreme Court to the Governor, the Chief
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1 Financial Officer, the President of the Senate, and the 2 Speaker of the House of Representatives on a quarterly basis beginning with the quarter ending September 30, 2004. 3 Quarterly reports shall be submitted no later than 30 days 4 after the end of the quarter. Any unspent funds at the close 5 6 of the county fiscal year allocated under subparagraphs 2., 7 3., and 4., shall be transferred for use pursuant to 8 subparagraph 1.

(b) In addition to the court costs imposed under 9 10 paragraph (a) and any other cost, fine, or penalty imposed by law, any unit of local government which is consolidated as 11 12 provided by s. 9, Art. VIII of the State Constitution of 1885, 13 as preserved by s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution of 1968, and which is granted the authority in the State 14 Constitution to exercise all the powers of a municipal 15 corporation, and any unit of local government operating under 16 17 a home rule charter adopted pursuant to ss. 10, 11, and 24, 18 Art. VIII of the State Constitution of 1885, as preserved by s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution of 1968, which is 19 granted the authority in the State Constitution to exercise 20 21 all the powers conferred now or hereafter by general law upon 22 municipalities, may impose by ordinance a surcharge in the 23 amount of \$85 to be imposed by the court when a person pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or is found guilty of, or 2.4 adjudicated delinguent for, any felony, misdemeanor, 25 delinquent act, or criminal traffic offense under the laws of 26 27 this state. Revenue from the surcharge shall be transferred to 2.8 such unit of local government for the purpose of replacing 29 fine revenue deposited into the clerk's fine and forfeiture fund under s. 142.01. Proceeds from the imposition of the 30 surcharge authorized in this paragraph shall not be used for 31

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1	the purpose of securing payment of the principal and interest
2	on bonds. This paragraph, and any surcharge imposed pursuant
3	to this paragraph, shall stand repealed on September 30, 2007.
4	(c) The disbursement of costs collected under this
5	section shall be subordinate in priority order of disbursement
6	to all other state-imposed costs authorized in this chapter,
7	restitution or other compensation to victims, and child
8	support payments.
9	Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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11	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
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14	The committee substitute removes provisions of the bill relating to guaranteed entitlements for certain municipalities
15	that receive revenue sharing funds, and amends statutory provisions relating to court costs in Teen Courts to authorize
16	the assessment of up to \$3 in court costs for persons adjudicated delinquent for a delinquent act. For persons
17	adjudicated delinquent for a delinquent act under state law, up to \$65 in court costs may be imposed. For persons in
18	Miami-Dade County and the City of Jacksonville-Duval County, persons adjudicated delinquent for a delinquent act under
19	state law may pay an additional surcharge of up to \$85. The committee substitute deletes the September 30, 2007, repeal of
20	the authority to impose the surcharge.
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