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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Pinellas Police Standards
3 Council, Pinellas County; amending chapter 72-666,
4 Laws of Florida, as amended; increasing a court cost
5 to fund the council; providing an effective date.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Paragraph (2) of subsection (k) of section 4 of
10 chapter 72-666, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 97-333,
11 Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

12 Section 4. Powers and duties.—In the performance of its
13 duties and the execution of its functions under this act, the
14 council shall have the following powers:

15 (k) To provide for a centralized screening and information
16 center on prospective law enforcement officers in Pinellas
17 County, to be known as the Public Safety Applicant Screening
18 Service (PSASS).

19 (2) The council's annual budget shall be submitted to the
20 Board of County Commissioners for their approval. The provisions
21 of this section shall be funded by a \$3 ~~\$2~~ court cost on all
22 payable offenses, to be assessed by the circuit and county
23 courts in Pinellas County on all contested and uncontested
24 traffic cases, criminal and civil, excluding parking fines,
25 bicycle violations, and pedestrian violations that are payable
26 offenses. Additional funding may be secured by the council by
27 assessing the law enforcement agencies a fee for the cost of
28 screening the applicants.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.