

CS/HB 1187

2012

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to sentencing child abusers; amending  
3       s. 921.187, F.S.; authorizing the court to order an  
4       offender convicted of an offense of child abuse to pay  
5       an assessment of a specified amount if the offender  
6       does not receive a state prison sentence; specifying  
7       how the assessments are allocated to child protection  
8       teams; providing an effective date.

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

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12       Section 1. Paragraph (r) is added to subsection (1) of  
13       section 921.187, Florida Statutes, to read:

14       921.187   Disposition and sentencing; alternatives;  
15       restitution.—

16       (1) The alternatives provided in this section for the  
17       disposition of criminal cases shall be used in a manner that  
18       will best serve the needs of society, punish criminal offenders,  
19       and provide the opportunity for rehabilitation. If the offender  
20       does not receive a state prison sentence, the court may:

21       (r) Require the offender who violates any criminal  
22       provision of chapter 827 to pay an additional assessment in the  
23       amount of \$250 to the child protection team in the judicial  
24       circuit in which the alternative sentence is imposed. If there  
25       is more than one child protection team in the judicial circuit  
26       in which the alternative sentence is imposed, the assessment  
27       shall be allocated evenly among them.

28       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.