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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the disposition of traffic
3 infractions; amending s. 318.21, F.S.; authorizing
4 local governments to impose a surcharge on school zone
5 traffic violations to fund school crossing guard
6 programs; requiring that the surcharge be imposed
7 pursuant to an ordinance requiring public hearings;
8 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 (a) of subsection (11) of section
13 318.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 318.21 Disposition of civil penalties by county courts.—All
15 civil penalties received by a county court pursuant to the
16 provisions of this chapter shall be distributed and paid monthly
17 as follows:

18 (11) (a) A county or municipality may, by majority vote of
19 the governing board of the respective county or municipality,
20 impose a surcharge on parking fines and school zone traffic
21 violations for the sole purpose of funding school crossing guard
22 programs; however, the governing body may set aside funds from
23 this surcharge to pay for startup costs and recurring
24 administrative costs related to printing new tickets or other
25 means of implementing the program. The surcharge must be
26 authorized by ordinance requiring public hearings.

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