

SENATE BILL 2120

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 21; Title 16 and Title 37, relative to courts with juvenile jurisdiction.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 21, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) The clerks of all special juvenile courts and all courts of general sessions having juvenile court jurisdiction may collect the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) from any person who:

- (1) Enters a plea of guilty;
- (2) Enters a plea of nolo contendere;
- (3) Is adjudicated at trial, or whose case is handled under pretrial

diversion or retirement; or

(4) Is found in violation of the terms and conditions of a probationary or valid court order.

(b) The fee described in subsection (a) shall be subject to § 8-21-401 and shall be in addition to all other taxes, costs, and fines.

(c) The purpose of the fee described in subsection (a) shall be designated for construction of new facilities for juvenile courts in their respective counties. The fee shall be deposited by the clerk of the collecting court into a dedicated county fund. The fund shall not revert to the county general fund at the end of the fiscal year, but shall remain for the purposes set out in this subsection. The money collected shall be used exclusively for the creation and maintenance of new facilities for juvenile courts.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.