

House Bill 902 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representative Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the State Court of Bryan County (formerly the City Court of  
2 Pembroke), approved January 10, 1938 (Ga. L. 1937-38 Ex. Sess., p. 714), as amended, so  
3 as to authorize the court to impose an additional surcharge for each criminal fine imposed;  
4 to specify the uses to which said surcharge may be put; to provide an effective date; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act creating the State Court of Bryan County (formerly the City Court of Pembroke),  
9 approved January 10, 1938 (Ga. L. 1937-38 Ex. Sess., p. 714), as amended, is amended by  
10 designating the current provisions of Section 9 as subsection (a) thereof and adding a new  
11 subsection (b) to read as follows:

12 "(b) The clerk of the State Court of Bryan County shall be entitled to charge and collect  
13 a juvenile diversion program surcharge equal to 10 percent of each criminal fine imposed  
14 in each citation or accusation for which a defendant is found guilty or enters a plea of  
15 guilty, nolo contendere, or other plea resulting in the imposition of a fine in the State Court  
16 of Bryan County. The moneys collected as a result of the juvenile diversion program  
17 surcharge shall be used exclusively to provide for creating, implementing, and staffing a  
18 juvenile diversion program for Bryan County. The funds collected pursuant to this  
19 authorization shall be maintained in a segregated fund by the clerk of court and shall be  
20 used only for the purposes authorized in this subsection at the direction of the judge of the  
21 court."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2006.

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**SECTION 3.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.