

The House Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs - Local Legislation offers the following substitute to HB 901:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To provide for a surcharge on fines in the State Court of Bryan County and the Magistrate  
2 Court of Bryan County; to provide for use of such sums for the purpose of local juvenile  
3 diversion programs; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

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6 (a) In every case in which the State Court of Bryan County and the Magistrate Court of  
7 Bryan County shall impose a fine, which shall be construed to include costs, for any criminal  
8 offense or any criminal ordinance violation, there shall be imposed as an additional penalty  
9 a sum equal to 10 percent of the original fine.

10 (b) Such sums shall be in addition to any amount required by Code Section 47-17-60 of the  
11 O.C.G.A. to be paid into the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund and in addition to any  
12 other amounts provided for by general law.

**SECTION 2.**

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14 (a) The sums provided for in Section 1 of this Act shall be assessed and collected by the  
15 court officer charged with the duty of collecting moneys arising from fines and shall be paid  
16 over to the juvenile court of Bryan County for the purpose of establishing and maintaining  
17 a local juvenile diversion program carried out by the juvenile court or by a program approved  
18 by the juvenile court. The purpose of a local juvenile diversion program is to reduce the  
19 number of juveniles proceeding through juvenile court and reduce recidivism by creating  
20 alternatives to the court system which may include intensive case management, referrals for  
21 other services, tracking and improving school attendance, increasing services and support for  
22 juveniles and their families through partnerships with private and public agencies, or  
23 providing mentoring or other activities for juveniles. The funds shall be paid over in the same  
24 manner as other county funds paid for operations of the juvenile court and shall be in  
25 addition to rather than in lieu of any other such funds. These funds shall be paid to the

