

Senate Bill 213

By: Senator McKoon of the 29th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to general provisions for payment and disposition of fines and forfeitures, so as to  
3 establish local Crime Stopper Award Funds to provide awards for information leading to the  
4 detection or apprehension of certain criminal perpetrators; to provide for related matters; to  
5 provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

9 Article 1 of Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
10 general provisions for payment and disposition of fines and forfeitures, is amended by adding  
11 a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "15-21-14.

13 (a) In every case in which any state court; probate court; juvenile court; police, recorder's,  
14 or mayor's court; municipal court; magistrate court; or superior court in this state imposes  
15 a fine, which shall be construed to include costs, for any criminal or quasi-criminal offense  
16 against a criminal or traffic law and violations of local criminal ordinances of this state or  
17 a political subdivision thereof, there shall be imposed an additional fee of \$5.00.

18 (b) Such sums shall be in addition to that amount required by any other provision of law  
19 to be paid as a fine, fee, penalty, restitution, and any other amounts provided for by law.

20 (c) The sums provided for in this Code section shall be assessed and collected by the clerk  
21 or court officer charged with the duty of collecting moneys arising from fines and shall be  
22 paid over to the governing authority of the county or consolidated government in which the  
23 court is located or, in the case of a court of a municipality, to the governing authority of the  
24 municipality by the tenth day of the month following the month in which such sums are  
25 collected. Such sums paid over to the governing authority shall be deposited by the  
26 governing authority into a special account to be known as the Crime Stopper Award Fund.

27 (d) Any person whose duty it is to collect and remit the sums provided for in this Code  
28 section who fails or refuses to remit such sums by the date required by this Code section  
29 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

30 (e) Moneys collected pursuant to this Code section shall be expended by the governing  
31 authority of the county or municipality for which the fund is established solely and  
32 exclusively for awards for information leading to the detection or apprehension of the  
33 perpetrator of any felony committed within such governing authority's jurisdiction.  
34 Awards shall be offered at a time and in an amount within the discretion of the governing  
35 authority; provided, however, that any single reward offered by a county, municipality, or  
36 consolidated government shall not exceed the sum of \$10,000.00."

37 **SECTION 2.**

38 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2011, and shall apply to convictions entered on  
39 or after such date.

40 **SECTION 3.**

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