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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Cullman County; providing for additional
14 costs and charges in all domestic violence cases in the
15 circuit, district, and municipal courts; and providing for the
16 distribution of the proceeds to operate a domestic violence
17 shelter.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

19 Section 1. In addition to all other costs and
20 charges in circuit, district, and municipal court cases in
21 Cullman County, there shall be levied and assessed a court
22 cost of twenty-five dollars (\$25) in all domestic violence
23 cases, violation of protection from abuse cases, stalking
24 cases, or any other case which is determined by the judge to
25 be a domestic violence case. Unless remitted by the court,
26 upon conviction or dismissal, the clerk of each court listed
27 above shall collect the court costs and shall remit the

1 proceeds quarterly to the Cullman County Commission, which
2 shall place the monies in a designated domestic violence
3 account. These funds shall be dispersed quarterly to support
4 the operation of the domestic violence shelter, Harbor Haus,
5 in Cullman County, provided that the shelter is in compliance
6 with the standards for operation set forth by the Alabama
7 Coalition Against Domestic Violence. In the event that the
8 shelter is dissolved, the funds shall be remitted to the
9 Cullman County Juvenile Day Treatment Fund to be utilized to
10 assist families and juveniles who are adversely affected by
11 domestic violence.

12 Section 2. This act shall become effective
13 immediately following its passage and approval by the
14 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.