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3 SUBSTITUTE FOR HB95
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would create a 180-day grace
9 period between an inmate's release from
10 incarceration and the payment of the inmate's legal
11 financial obligations.

12 This bill would also require that upon
13 release from the custody of the Department of
14 Corrections an individual must enter into a
15 repayment plan.
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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT
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21 Relating to court-imposed fines, fees, and costs; to
22 provide for a grace period for payment of fines, fees, and
23 costs upon release from custody.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. (a) During the 180-day period immediately
26 after an inmate is released from the custody of the Alabama

1 Department of Corrections, he or she shall not be required to
2 pay any outstanding court-assessed fines, fees, or costs.

3 (b) Within 30 days of release from custody, an
4 inmate shall contact the jurisdiction or jurisdictions in
5 which he or she has financial obligations and shall enter into
6 a repayment agreement for outstanding court-assessed fines,
7 fees, or costs.

8 (c) Persons in the custody of the Alabama Department
9 of Corrections shall not be required to pay any outstanding
10 court-assessed fines, fees, or costs while incarcerated. This
11 subsection shall not apply to an individual who has been
12 sentenced to a community corrections punishment authority or
13 community corrections program.

14 (d) This section shall not apply to any restitution
15 owed to a victim or any supervision fees assessed as a
16 condition of release from custody.

17 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
18 first day of the third month following its passage and
19 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.