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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Baldwin County; to amend Section 45-2-80.130, Code of Alabama 1975, to create and provide for the management of the Baldwin County Mental Health Court Fund.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 45-2-80.130, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§45-2-80.130

(a) In Baldwin County, in addition to any court costs and fees now or hereafter authorized in the county, additional court costs in the amount of ten dollars (\$10) shall be assessed and collected as costs on each criminal case, including traffic cases, filed in the circuit court and district court, except those filed in the juvenile or family court.

(b) (1) The costs shall be collected as other costs in cases are assessed and collected by the clerk of the court and shall be paid by the clerk to the Baldwin County Commission.

(2) The county commission, ~~in consultation with the judge assigned to the mental health diversionary program,~~



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29 shall create the Baldwin County Mental Health Court Fund, and
30 all court costs collected pursuant to this section shall be
31 deposited into the fund.

32 (3) The presiding circuit judge in Baldwin County shall
33 manage the fund and, in consultation with the judge assigned
34 to the mental health diversionary program and the district
35 attorney, shall distribute the proceeds of the court costs to
36 the circuit court and the district attorney for the creation,
37 implementation, and continuing administration of a mental
38 health diversionary program, to be known as the "mental health
39 court."

40 ~~(2)~~ (4) The fees shall not be waived by any court unless
41 all other fees, assessments, costs, fines, and charges
42 associated with the case are waived."

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