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HOUSE BILL NO. 1055

By Representatives Odom, Brown, John DeBerry, Hargrove, Caldwell

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1447

By Senators Springer, Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 20, relative to victim-offender mediation centers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-20-106, is amended by deleting the period "." at the end of subsection (b) and adding the following language to the end of subsection (b):

; provided however, that during the first three years of operation for any new center, the fifty percent (50%) limitation upon funding from the State of Tennessee shall not apply.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-20-106, is further amended by adding the following as new subsections thereto:

(c)(1) By a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its legislative body, each county and municipality, as provided in this subdivision, is authorized to levy an additional one dollar (\$1) litigation tax per case, to be denominated as a part of the court costs, in matters before the local General Sessions Courts and Juvenile Courts. The provisions of this subdivision shall only apply in any municipality in any county having a metropolitan form of government and a population of more than one hundred thousand (100,000), according to the 1990 Federal Census or any subsequent Federal Census, and in any county having a population according to such census as follows:

<u>not less than</u>	<u>nor more than</u>
68,100	68,400
34,735	34,800
51,350	51,450
335,000	336,000
9,000	9,250
54,600	55,000

(2) Any revenue generated by a county pursuant to subdivision (c)(1) shall be used exclusively to support local victim-offender mediation center(s) organized pursuant to Title 16, Chapter 20, and shall be distributed on a monthly basis by the county to such victim-offender mediation center(s).

(d) By a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its legislative body, each county, to which the provisions of subdivision (c)(1) do not apply, is authorized to levy an additional one dollar (\$1) litigation tax per case, to be denominated as a part of the court costs, in matters

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before the local General Sessions Courts and Juvenile Courts. Any revenue so generated by the county shall be held in a separately designated account until a local victim-offender mediation center is established in the county pursuant to Title 16, Chapter 20. Upon the establishment of such victim-offender mediation center, the revenue generated pursuant to this subsection shall be distributed by the county in the manner prescribed by subdivision (c)(2).

SECTION 3. The taxes levied by the provisions of this act shall be in addition to any other taxes levied on litigation.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 26, 1999



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this day of 1999

DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR

Pursuant to Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, the Governor had House Bill No. 1055 in his possession longer than ten (10) days, so therefore the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature.