

HB 91 -- County Crime Reduction Funds

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This bill allows county commissions to create county crime reduction funds and specifies the purposes for which the money in the funds can be spent.

The bill allows the court to order restorative justice methods in cases where there is a suspended imposition or execution of sentence and to order individuals who have a suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a misdemeanor to make a payment of up to \$1,000 to the county crime reduction fund.

The bill allows the court to order a payment of up to \$1,000 to the county crime reduction fund as a condition of probation. A judge can only order such a condition of probation if the county crime reduction fund was established prior to sentencing. A judge cannot have any direct supervisory or administrative control over a fund to which he or she orders probationers to make payments. A defendant can refuse probation that includes payments to a county crime reduction fund as a condition, but probation cannot be revoked solely for failure to make payments to the fund, except under certain circumstances.