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2 Introduced by Representatives Ancel of Calais, Clarkson of Woodstock, Flory  
3 of Pittsford, Jewett of Ripton, Marek of Newfane, Scheuermann  
4 of Stowe and Westman of Cambridge

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Executive; attorney general; diversion

8 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require a participant in a diversion  
9 program to pay the diversion program fee before being successfully discharged  
10 from the program.

11 An act relating to payment of diversion program fees

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 163 is amended to read:

14 § 163. JUVENILE COURT DIVERSION PROJECT

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16 (c) All diversion projects receiving financial assistance from the attorney  
17 general shall adhere to the following provisions:

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19 (9) Each participant shall pay a fee to the local juvenile court diversion  
20 project. The amount of the fee shall be determined by project officers based

1 upon the financial capabilities of the participant. The fee shall not exceed  
2 \$150.00. The fee shall be a debt due from the participant, ~~but shall not be~~  
3 ~~grounds for exclusion from participation in the program and payment of such~~  
4 shall be required for successful completion of the program. Fees under this  
5 subdivision shall be paid to the court diversion fund and shall be used solely  
6 for the purpose of the court diversion program.

7 Sec. 2. 3 V.S.A. § 164 is amended to read:

8 § 164. ADULT COURT DIVERSION PROJECT

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10 (c) All adult court diversion projects receiving financial assistance from the  
11 attorney general shall adhere to the following provisions:

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13 (9) Each participant shall pay a fee to the local adult court diversion  
14 project. The amount of the fee shall be determined by project officers or  
15 employees based upon the financial capabilities of the participant. The fee  
16 shall not exceed \$300.00. The fee shall be a debt due from the participant, ~~but~~  
17 ~~shall not be grounds for exclusion from participation in the program and~~  
18 payment of such shall be required for successful completion of the program.  
19 Fees under this subdivision shall be paid to the court diversion fund and shall  
20 be used solely for the purposes of the court diversion program.