

SENATE BILL 1646
By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
Chapter 25, relative to collection of costs from
defendants in criminal cases.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 25, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 40-25-1_.

(a) The department of correction shall have the authority to collect from the inmate trust fund account of any defendant in its custody those moneys necessary to satisfy any unpaid costs which have been imposed upon the defendant.

(b) When the state has paid the costs in a case accruing under § 40-25-130(5) and the defendant is in the custody of the department of correction, the department shall have the authority to collect from the inmate trust fund account of the defendant those moneys necessary to reimburse the state for the payment of such costs. Any amount so collected shall be deposited in the state general fund.

SECTION 2. This provisions of this act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.