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Senate Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
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House No. HB1683  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 24, Part 1, relative to Crime Stoppers organizations.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 24, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) A defendant convicted of an offense other than a misdemeanor punishable only by a fine shall pay a fine, in addition to any other fine of two dollars (\$2.00). The court clerk shall deposit such fine into a separate account. Upon order of the court, the court clerk shall pay at least each quarter such funds to a local crime stoppers organization that is duly registered with the secretary of state as a not for profit corporation. If no qualifying organization requests the court for such funds, the court clerk shall pay over the funds into the county general fund.

(b)(1) After a defendant has been convicted of a felony offense, the judge may order a defendant to repay all or part of a reward paid by a local crime stoppers program.

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(2) In determining whether the defendant must repay the reward or part of the reward, the court shall consider:

(A) The ability of the defendant to make the payment and the financial hardship on the defendant to make the required payment; and

(B) The importance of the information to the prosecution of the defendant as provided by the arresting officer or the attorney for the state with due regard for the confidentiality of the local crime stoppers program records.

(c) In addition to any other terms and conditions imposed under this section, the court may require a probationer as a condition of probation to make one (1) payment in an amount not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50) to a local crime stoppers program. In imposing the condition, the court shall consider the ability of the probationer to make the payment and the effectiveness and fiscal responsibility of the local crime stoppers program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1995, the public welfare requiring it.

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