

1 HB389
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4 RFD: County and Municipal Government
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SYNOPSIS: This bill would provide that only 10 percent of a municipality's budget may come from fines and penalties generated from traffic tickets.

This bill would also provide that excess funds will be distributed to the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund and the Fair Trial Tax Fund and would provide for the disbursement.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to municipalities; to limit the amount of money a municipality may retain from fines and penalties generated from traffic tickets.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) A municipality may only retain 10 percent of its total general operating budget collected from fines and penalties generated from traffic tickets. Any remaining amount in excess of the 10 percent threshold shall

1 be transferred to the Department of Finance for allocation, in
2 equal amounts, to the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund,
3 created pursuant to Section 15-23-16, Code of Alabama 1975,
4 and the Fair Trial Tax Fund, created pursuant to Section
5 12-19-251, Code of Alabama 1975.

6 (b) In determining the total general operating
7 budget, a municipality shall use the most recently completed
8 year's budget.

9 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
10 first day of the third month following its passage and
11 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.