Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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By: Senator Glover
By: Representatives S. Prater, Adcock, Berry, Blount, D. Creekmore, Dickinson, L. Evans, Norton, Petrus, Roebuck, Sullivan

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF AUDIT INVESTIGATION COSTS AS PART OF RESTITUTION FOR THEFT OF PUBLIC FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF AUDIT INVESTIGATION COSTS FOR THE THEFT OF PUBLIC FUNDS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 90, Subchapter 3 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

16-90-311. Restitution for audit investigation costs.
(a) When any defendant pleads guilty to, is found guilty of, or pleads nolo contendere to theft or any other offense affecting property held by or belonging to the State of Arkansas or any political subdivision of the state, and the Division of Legislative Audit has incurred costs in the investigation of the transactions, the court shall require, as part of the sentence, the payment of restitution for the audit investigation costs to be payable to the Division of Legislative Audit.
(b)(l) The court shall set the amount of restitution based on audit investigative costs records provided by the Division of Legislative Audit.
(2) Any amounts received by the state or a political subdivision from the Self-Insured Fidelity Bond Program, § 21-2-701 et seq., or other


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 third-party bonds as a result of the defendant's actions shall not reduce the
amount of restitution required to be paid by the defendant.

