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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 478, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the creation of a special armed offender docket.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 478, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 478.252, to read as follows:

**478.252. 1. Any circuit court located in a city not within a county
2 may establish a special docket with dedicated judges and other
3 personnel for all matters of hearing, setting of bail or other pretrial
4 matters, trial, sentencing, and supervision of the accused or convicted
5 in actions brought pursuant to chapter 571 and section 569.020 on or
6 after the effective date of the creation of said special docket.**

7 **2. A special docket established pursuant to subsection 1 of this
8 section shall be referred to as the "Armed Offender Docket" and upon
9 the creation of any such docket the circuit court in which it is situated
10 shall impose a thirty dollar surcharge for each criminal case assigned
11 to the armed offender docket. The moneys obtained from the surcharge
12 shall be collected in the manner as provided in sections 488.010 to
13 488.020, and shall be used to defray the costs of prosecution and
14 pretrial supervision in such cases and for no other purpose. No such
15 surcharge shall be collected in any proceeding when the proceeding or
16 the defendant has been dismissed by the court or when costs are to be
17 paid by the state, county, or municipality.**

18 **3. The presiding judge of any circuit court that creates an armed
19 offender docket, along with the prosecuting attorney or circuit
20 attorney, and law enforcement agency in such circuit shall assist in the
21 coordinating and sharing of court and law enforcement data and**

22 information that is relevant to the operation and evaluation of the
23 armed offender docket, including any information which may
24 reasonably be requested by such agencies or by a research university
25 with an accredited program in criminology, criminal justice, public
26 health, or social work.

27 4. Within six months after each anniversary of the creation of
28 any armed offender docket, the circuit court shall provide and publish
29 a public report on the operations of the armed offender docket during
30 the year preceding the anniversary, including any commentary on such
31 operations as may be offered by such research university or a
32 prosecuting attorney, circuit attorney, or law enforcement agency in
33 said circuit.

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