

By Senator Baxley

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to third-party agreements in civil
3 proceedings; creating s. 45.081, F.S.; requiring
4 parties to civil actions to provide copies of certain
5 third-party agreements to the other parties, except
6 when otherwise ordered by the court; providing an
7 effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Section 45.081, Florida Statutes, is created to
12 read:

13 45.081 Third-party agreements.—Except as otherwise
14 stipulated or ordered by the court, a party to any civil action,
15 without awaiting a discovery request, shall provide to the other
16 parties a copy of any agreement under which any person, other
17 than an attorney retained on a contingency-fee basis to
18 represent a party to the action, has a right to receive
19 compensation that is contingent upon and sourced from any
20 proceeds of the civil action, whether by settlement, judgment,
21 or otherwise.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.