Florida Senate - 2007

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Fasano

590-1993-07 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to county funding of additional court personnel; amending s. 29.0081, F.S.; 3 4 specifying that the county be considered the 5 employer; providing that employees funded by б the county under this section and other county 7 employees may be aggregated for purposes of a 8 flexible benefits plan; providing an effective 9 date. 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 11 12 13 Section 1. Section 29.0081, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 14 29.0081 County funding of additional court 15 16 personnel.--17 (1) A county and the chief judge of a judicial circuit 18 that includes that county may enter into an agreement under which the county funds personnel positions to assist in the 19 operation of the circuit. 20 (2) The agreement shall, at a minimum, provide that: 21 22 (a) Funding for the positions is provided on at least 23 a court fiscal-year basis. (b) The personnel whose employment is funded under the 2.4 25 agreement are employees of the judicial circuit and are hired, supervised, managed, and fired by personnel of the judicial 26 27 circuit. The county shall be considered the employer for 2.8 purposes of s. 440.10 and chapter 443. Employees funded by the county under this section and other county employees may be 29 aggregated for purposes of a flexible benefits plan pursuant 30 to s. 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. 31

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