Florida Senate - 2024 Bill No. SB 1660



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 01/31/2024 House

The Committee on Judiciary (Torres) recommended the following: Senate Substitute for Amendment (714748) (with title amendment) Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert: Section 1. Section 29.25, Florida Statutes, is created to read: <u>29.25 Translation services.-</u> (1) A court may contract with a third-party translation service provider for translation services for civil cases.

(2) Translation services may be made available to any party

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| 12 | requesting such services, regardless of whether the party is   |
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| 13 | represented by counsel.  |
| 14 | (3) Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit a     |
| 15 | party from providing for his or her own translation service or |
| 16 | third-party translation service provider.                      |
| 17 | (4) The provision of translation services under this           |
| 18 | section is an optional court-related function, and nothing in  |
| 19 | this section requires a court to provide such services.        |
| 20 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.            |
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| 22 | ========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ===============         |
| 23 | And the title is amended as follows:                           |
| 24 | Delete everything before the enacting clause                   |
| 25 | and insert:  |
| 26 | A bill to be entitled  |
| 27 | An act relating to translation services; creating s.           |
| 28 | 29.25, F.S.; authorizing courts to contract with a             |
| 29 | third-party translation service provider to provide            |
| 30 | translation services; providing that such services may         |
| 31 | be made available to any party requesting them,                |
| 32 | regardless of whether represented by counsel;                  |
| 33 | providing construction; providing that a court is not          |
| 34 | required to provide translation services; providing an         |
| 35 | effective date.  |
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