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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to court funding for new programs; amending s. 43.28, F.S.; providing that counties are not obligated to pay certain personnel costs related to court programs; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 43.28, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

43.28 Court facilities.--The counties shall provide appropriate courtrooms, facilities, equipment, and, unless provided by the state, personnel necessary to operate the circuit and county courts, except that counties are not obligated to pay for the personnel costs of new programs or additional personnel costs for existing court programs under the direction or supervision of the state court system after July 1, 1998. Personnel costs shall include the costs of any personnel needed to implement special divisions of the court or to provide additional services to existing court programs, including, but not limited to, an expansion of the use of hearing officers.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that counties are not obligated to pay personnel costs of new programs or additional personnel costs for existing court programs under the direction or supervision of the state court system after July 1, 1998.