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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to payment of court costs and attorney's fees; providing for the board of county commissioners to request the court to order a defendant who has received public assistance in his or her defense to perform community service in satisfaction of a lien for payment of attorney's fees and costs; providing for the court to establish the number of hours of community service required; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. In any case in which the defendant has received public assistance in his or her defense, has been ordered to pay attorney's fees and costs, and whose real and personal property is subject to a lien as provided in section 938.29, Florida Statutes, the board of county commissioners may execute a release of the lien and request that the court order the defendant to perform community service in lieu of satisfaction of the lien. The court shall establish the number of hours of community service necessary for the defendant to perform in order to satisfy the lien.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Authorizes the board of county commissioners to request the court to order that a defendant who has received public assistance in his or her defense perform community service in satisfaction of the lien on the defendant's property for payment of attorney's fees and costs. Provides that the court establish the number of hours of community service required to satisfy the lien.