

Bill No. CS for CS for SB's 662 & 232

Amendment No. Barcode 484356

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Senator Campbell moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 829, between lines 21 and 22,

insert:

Section 891. Section 25.3835, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

25.3835 Court reporting; purpose; definition; registration required; registry of court reporters created; registration number required on transcripts.--

(1) PURPOSE.--The Legislature recognizes that there is a public need for independent court reporters and that it is necessary to assure the public and litigants that they will always be able to identify and locate a court reporter who recorded and transcribed any portion of an official proceeding, testimony, deposition, or trial and, therefore, deems it necessary to require registration of court reporters.

(2) COURT REPORTING DEFINED.--The term "court reporting" means the act of making a verbatim record of spoken word, whether by use of written symbols, stenomask equipment,

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1 or electronic devices, in any proceeding pending in any of the
2 state or federal courts of the state, including all discovery
3 proceedings conducted in connection therewith, and all
4 proceedings required by statute to be reported by a certified
5 or official court reporter or any administrative hearing or
6 official proceeding. Court reporting does not include the act
7 of electronic recording or the transcription of any electronic
8 recording.

9 (3) REGISTRATION REQUIRED.--Notwithstanding s. 25.383,
10 effective January 1, 2003, all court reporters must be
11 registered with the Florida Court Reporters Association.

12 (4) REGISTRY OF COURT REPORTERS CREATED.--The Florida
13 Court Reporters Association is authorized to create and
14 maintain a registry of all court reporters who transcribe any
15 proceeding held in the state. The association shall determine
16 an annual fee to be collected by the association for the
17 purpose of maintaining a statewide registry of all Florida
18 court reporters. The registration fee must cover the normal
19 and customary costs associated with the creation and
20 maintenance of the registry. Upon registration, the
21 association shall issue each court reporter a registration
22 number that must appear on all transcripts taken or used in
23 any court proceeding, administrative hearing, or official
24 meeting of any public body. The Florida Court Reporters
25 Association shall make available to the general public upon
26 request the current business location information for any
27 court reporter registered within the state.

28 (5) REGISTRATION NUMBER REQUIRED ON ALL
29 TRANSCRIPTS.--Effective June 1, 2003, all transcripts taken or
30 transcribed by any court reporter in any proceeding must
31 contain the registration number of the court reporter who

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1 recorded and transcribed the proceeding.

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3 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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7 And the title is amended as follows:

8 On page 8, line 12, after the semicolon

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10 insert:

11 creating s. 25.3835, F.S.; providing
12 legislative purpose with respect to court
13 reporters; defining "court reporting";
14 requiring court reporters to be registered;
15 creating a registry of court reporters;
16 requiring registration numbers on all
17 transcripts;

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