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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Representative(s) Simmons offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between line(s) 1543 and 1544, insert:

5 Section 18. Section 29.0081, Florida Statutes, is  
6 created to read:

7 29.0081 County funding of additional court  
8 personnel.--

9 (1) A county and the chief judge of a judicial circuit  
10 that includes that county may enter into an agreement under  
11 which the county funds personnel positions to assist in the  
12 operation of the circuit.

13 (2) The agreement shall, at a minimum, provide that:

14 (a) Funding for the positions is provided on at least  
15 a court fiscal-year basis.

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16       (b) The personnel whose employment is funded under the  
17 agreement are employees of the judicial circuit and are hired,  
18 supervised, managed, and fired by personnel of the judicial  
19 circuit.

20       (c) The positions terminate upon the expiration of, or  
21 substantial breach of, the agreement or upon the expiration of  
22 county funding for the positions.

23       (3) Positions funded under this section shall be  
24 full-time equivalent positions of the judicial circuit but  
25 shall not count against any formula or similar process used by  
26 the Office of the State Courts Administrator to determine  
27 personnel needs or levels of a judicial circuit.

28       (4) Nothing in this section obligates the state to  
29 fund any personnel positions.

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31 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

32       Remove line 133 and insert:  
33       communications services; creating s. 29.0081, F.S. ;  
34       authorizing counties and judicial circuits to agree to the  
35       funding of personnel positions for the circuit; providing  
36       requirements for such agreements; providing for the effect  
37       and limitation of such agreements; amending s. 29.015,  
38       F.S. ;

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