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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative(s) Simmons offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 2020 and 2021, insert:

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6 Section 32. Subsection (3) of section 44.103, Florida
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 44.103 Court-ordered, nonbinding arbitration.--

9 (3) Arbitrators shall be selected and compensated in
10 accordance with rules adopted by the Supreme Court. Arbitrators
11 shall be compensated by the parties, or, upon a finding by the
12 court that a party is indigent, an arbitrator may be partially
13 or fully compensated from state funds according to the party's
14 present ability to pay. At no time may an arbitrator charge more
15 than \$1,500 per diem, unless the parties agree otherwise. Prior

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16 to approving the use of state funds to reimburse an arbitrator,
17 the court must ensure that the party reimburses the portion of
18 the total cost that the party is immediately able to pay and
19 that the party has agreed to a payment plan established by the
20 clerk of the court that will fully reimburse the state for the
21 balance of all state costs for both the arbitrator and any costs
22 of administering the payment plan and any collection efforts
23 that may be necessary in the future. Whenever possible,
24 qualified individuals who have volunteered their time to serve
25 as arbitrators shall be appointed. If an arbitration program is
26 funded pursuant to s. 44.108, volunteer arbitrators shall be
27 entitled to be reimbursed pursuant to s. 112.061 for all actual
28 expenses necessitated by service as an arbitrator.

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32 Remove line 191 and insert:

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34 compensated by the county or parties; amending s. 44.103, F.S.;
35 limiting the amount of per diem expenses an arbitrator may
36 charge; amending s. 44.108,

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