

By Senator Villalobos

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to certification of court interpreters; requiring the Supreme Court to establish standards and procedures for training and certifying court interpreters; requiring that the Supreme Court set fees for certification; specifying that the fees from applicants for certification as court interpreters be deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund within the state courts system; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. The Supreme Court shall establish minimum standards and procedures for qualifications, certification, professional conduct, discipline, and training of court interpreters who are appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction. The Supreme Court may set fees to be charged to applicants for certification and renewal of certification. The revenues generated from these fees shall be used to partially offset the costs of administering the certification process and shall be deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund within the state courts system. The Supreme Court may appoint or employ such personnel as are necessary to assist the court in administering this section.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires that the Supreme Court establish minimum standards and procedures for certifying court interpreters. Authorizes the Supreme Court to set application fees for certification and recertification. Requires that revenues generated from the fees be used to offset the costs of administering the certification process.