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Senator Geller moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment

On page 43, lines 1-30, delete those lines

and insert:

(4) A county may not appropriate or expend any funds for the offices of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, including the cost of communications services, existing radio systems, existing multiagency criminal justice information systems, and the cost of construction or lease, maintenance, utilities, and security of facilities as described in s. 29.008. ~~Unless expressly authorized by law or in the General Appropriations Act, public defenders are prohibited from spending state-appropriated funds on county funding obligations under s. 14, Art. V of the State Constitution beginning January 1, 2005. This includes expenditures on communications services and facilities as defined in s. 29.008. This does not prohibit a public defender from spending funds for these purposes in exceptional circumstances when necessary to maintain operational~~

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1 ~~continuity in the form of a short-term advance pending~~
2 ~~reimbursement from the county. If a public defender provides~~
3 ~~short term advance funding for a county responsibility as~~
4 ~~authorized by this subsection, the public defender shall~~
5 ~~request full reimbursement from the board of county~~
6 ~~commissioners prior to making the expenditure or at the next~~
7 ~~meeting of the board of county commissioners after the~~
8 ~~expenditure is made. The total of all short-term advances~~
9 ~~authorized by this subsection shall not exceed 2 percent of~~
10 ~~the public defender's approved operating budget in any given~~
11 ~~year. No short term advances authorized by this subsection~~
12 ~~shall be permitted until all reimbursements arising from~~
13 ~~advance funding in the prior state fiscal year have been~~
14 ~~received by the public defender. All reimbursement payments~~
15 ~~received by the public defender shall be deposited into the~~
16 ~~General Revenue Fund. Notwithstanding the provisions of this~~
17 ~~subsection, the public defender may expend funds for the~~
18 ~~purchase of computer systems, including associated hardware~~
19 ~~and software, and for personnel related to this function.~~

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