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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Bennett moved the following:

**Senate Amendment**

Delete lines 14 - 50  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 125.01045, Florida Statutes, is created  
to read:

125.01045 Prohibition of collection of fees for first-  
responder services.-

(1) As residents are currently taxed or assessed for  
essential government services, a county may not seek  
reimbursement from a resident of that county for any costs or  
expenses that may be incurred for services provided by a first



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13 responder, including costs or expenses related to personnel,  
14 supplies, motor vehicles, or equipment in response to a motor  
15 vehicle accident, except for costs of materials to contain or  
16 clean up hazardous materials in quantities reportable to the  
17 Florida State Warning Point at the Division of Emergency  
18 Management, and costs for transportation and treatment provided  
19 by ambulance services licensed pursuant to s. 401.23(5).

20 (2) As used in this section, the term "first responder"  
21 means a law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10, a  
22 firefighter as defined in s. 633.30, or an emergency medical  
23 technician or paramedic as defined in s. 401.23 who is employed  
24 by the state or a local government. A volunteer law enforcement  
25 officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician or  
26 paramedic engaged by the state or a local government is also  
27 considered a first responder of the state or local government  
28 for purposes of this section.

29 Section 2. Section 166.0446, Florida Statutes, is created  
30 to read:

31 166.0446 Prohibition of collection of fees for first-  
32 responder services.—

33 (1) As residents are currently taxed or assessed for  
34 essential government services, a municipality may not seek  
35 reimbursement for any costs or expenses that may be incurred for  
36 services provided by a first responder, including costs or  
37 expenses related to personnel, supplies, motor vehicles, or  
38 equipment in response to a motor vehicle accident, except for  
39 transportation and treatment provided by ambulance services  
40 licensed pursuant to s. 401.23(5) or for costs of materials to  
41 contain or clean up hazardous materials in quantities reportable



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42 to the Florida State Warning Point at the Division of Emergency  
43 Management.

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45 means a law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10, a  
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47 technician or paramedic as defined in s. 401.23 who is employed  
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