

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to security in trial court facilities;
 3 amending s. 30.15, F.S.; requiring sheriffs to provide
 4 security for trial court facilities; requiring
 5 sheriffs to coordinate security matters with chief
 6 judges; specifying that sheriffs retain control over
 7 security matters and chief judges retain certain
 8 authority; specifying that sheriffs and their
 9 deputies, employees, and contractors are officers of
 10 the court under specified circumstances; providing an
 11 effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15 Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 30.15,
 16 Florida Statutes, to read:

17 30.15 Powers, duties, and obligations.—

18 (4) (a) Sheriffs, in their respective counties, shall
 19 provide security for trial court facilities. Each sheriff shall
 20 coordinate with the chief judge of the judicial circuit in the
 21 county on all security matters for such facilities, but shall
 22 retain operational control over the manner in which security is
 23 provided. The chief judge shall retain decisionmaking authority
 24 to ensure the protection of due process rights, including the
 25 scheduling and conduct of trials and other judicial proceedings,

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26 | as part of his or her responsibility for the administrative
27 | supervision of the trial courts under s. 43.26. Nothing in this
28 | subsection shall be construed to affect or erode the authority
29 | of counties under s. 14, Art. V of the State Constitution or the
30 | authority of counties to otherwise fund security, as defined in
31 | s. 29.008(1)(e), for trial court facilities.

32 | (b) Sheriffs and their deputies, employees, and
33 | contractors are officers of the court when providing security
34 | for trial court facilities under this subsection.

35 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.