

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to security in trial court facilities;
 3 amending s. 30.15, F.S.; requiring each sheriff to
 4 coordinate with the board of county commissioners and
 5 the chief judge to develop a comprehensive plan for
 6 security of trial court facilities; specifying that
 7 sheriffs and chief judges retain certain authorities;
 8 specifying that sheriffs and their deputies,
 9 employees, and contractors are officers of the court
 10 under specified circumstances; providing an effective
 11 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) In accordance with each county's obligation under
 19 s. 14, Art. V of the State Constitution and s. 29.008 to fund
 20 security for trial court facilities, the sheriff of each county
 21 shall coordinate with the board of county commissioners of that
 22 county and the chief judge of the circuit in which that county
 23 is located on the development of a comprehensive plan for the
 24 provision of security for trial court facilities. Each sheriff
 25 shall retain authority over the implementation and provision of

26 | law enforcement services associated with the plan. The chief
27 | judge of the circuit shall retain decisionmaking authority to
28 | ensure the protection of due process rights, including, but not
29 | limited to, the scheduling and conduct of trial and other
30 | judicial proceedings as part of his or her responsibility for
31 | the administrative supervision of trial courts under s. 43.26.

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.