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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Judiciary (Baxley) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 25.386, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
read:

25.386 Foreign language court interpreters.—

(1) The Supreme Court shall establish minimum standards and  
procedures for qualifications, certification, professional  
conduct, discipline, and training of foreign language court  
interpreters who are appointed by a court of competent



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12 jurisdiction. The Supreme Court shall set fees to be charged to  
13 applicants for certification and renewal of certification as a  
14 foreign language court interpreter. The revenues generated from  
15 such fees shall be used to offset the costs of administration of  
16 the certification program and shall be deposited into the  
17 Administrative Trust Fund within the state courts system. The  
18 Supreme Court may appoint or employ such personnel as are  
19 necessary to assist the court in administering this section.

20 (2) An applicant for certification as a foreign language  
21 court interpreter shall undergo security background  
22 investigations that include, but need not be limited to, the  
23 submission of a full set of fingerprints to the Department of  
24 Law Enforcement or to a vendor, entity, or agency authorized  
25 under s. 943.053(13). The vendor, entity, or agency shall  
26 forward the applicant's fingerprints to the Department of Law  
27 Enforcement for state processing, and the Department of Law  
28 Enforcement shall forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau  
29 of Investigation for national processing.

30 Section 2. Section 44.106, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
31 read:

32 44.106 Standards and procedures for mediators and  
33 arbitrators; fees.—

34 (1) The Supreme Court shall establish minimum standards and  
35 procedures for qualifications, certification, professional  
36 conduct, discipline, and training for mediators and arbitrators  
37 who are appointed pursuant to this chapter. The Supreme Court is  
38 authorized to set fees to be charged to applicants for  
39 certification and renewal of certification. The revenues  
40 generated from these fees shall be used to offset the costs of



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41 administration of the certification process. The Supreme Court  
42 may appoint or employ such personnel as are necessary to assist  
43 the court in exercising its powers and performing its duties  
44 under this chapter.

45 (2) An applicant for certification as a mediator shall  
46 undergo security background investigations that include, but  
47 need not be limited to, the submission of a full set of  
48 fingerprints to the Department of Law Enforcement or to a  
49 vendor, entity, or agency authorized under s. 943.053(13). The  
50 vendor, entity, or agency shall forward the applicant's  
51 fingerprints to the Department of Law Enforcement for state  
52 processing, and the Department of Law Enforcement shall forward  
53 the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for  
54 national processing.

55 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

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57 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

58 And the title is amended as follows:

59 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
60 and insert:

61 A bill to be entitled  
62 An act relating to background screening; amending ss.  
63 25.386 and 44.106, F.S.; requiring that applicants for  
64 certification as a foreign language court interpreter  
65 or as a mediator, respectively, undergo certain  
66 background security investigations; providing an  
67 effective date.