

By Senator Gruters

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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
4 coordinate with certain boards of county commissioners
5 and chief judges 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 s.
19 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 decision-making authority to
28 ensure the protection of due process rights, including, but not
29 limited to, the scheduling and conduct of trials and other

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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 contractors
33 are officers of the court when providing security for trial
34 court facilities under this subsection.

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.