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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  
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

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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  
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, 2020.