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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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02/13/2020	.	
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Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice
(Hooper) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Substitute for Amendment (870820) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete everything after the enacting clause
5 and insert:

6 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 40.29, Florida
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 40.29 Payment of due-process costs.—

9 (5) The Justice Administrative Commission shall provide
10 funds to the clerks of the court to compensate jurors, to pay



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11 for meals or lodging provided to jurors, and to pay for jury-
12 related personnel costs as provided in this section. Each clerk
13 of the court shall submit a request for reimbursement ~~forward~~ to
14 the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation within 20
15 days after each quarter attesting to the clerk's actual costs
16 ~~Justice Administrative Commission a quarterly estimate of funds~~
17 ~~necessary~~ to compensate jurors, to and pay for meals or lodging
18 provided to jurors, and to pay for jury-related personnel costs
19 ~~during the upcoming quarter~~. The Florida Clerks of Court
20 Operations Corporation shall review the request for
21 reimbursement to ensure that the costs are reasonably and
22 directly related to jury management. The Florida Clerks of Court
23 Operations Corporation shall forward to the Justice
24 Administrative Commission a quarterly estimate of the amount
25 necessary to reimburse each clerk of the court for its personnel
26 and other costs related to jury management unless the total
27 request for reimbursement by the clerks exceeds the quarterly
28 funds available to the Justice Administrative Commission, in
29 which case the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation
30 shall adjust the cumulative total to match the available funds
31 before submitting the request to the Justice Administrative
32 Commission. Upon receipt of each request for reimbursement such
33 ~~estimates~~, the Justice Administrative Commission shall review
34 ~~determine~~ the amount deemed necessary for payment to the clerks
35 of the court for the most recently completed ~~during the upcoming~~
36 quarter, determine if the total payment amount is available, and
37 submit a request for payment to the Chief Financial Officer. If
38 ~~the Justice Administrative Commission believes that the amount~~
39 ~~appropriated by the Legislature is insufficient to meet such~~



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40 ~~costs during the remaining part of the state fiscal year, the~~
41 ~~commission may apportion the funds appropriated in the General~~
42 ~~Appropriations Act for those purposes among the several~~
43 ~~counties, basing the apportionment upon the amount expended for~~
44 ~~such purposes in each county during the prior fiscal year, in~~
45 ~~which case, the Chief Financial Officer shall issue the~~
46 ~~appropriate apportioned amount by warrant to each county. The~~
47 clerks of the court are responsible for any compensation to
48 jurors, for payments for meals or lodging provided to jurors,
49 and for jury-related personnel costs that exceed the funding
50 provided in the General Appropriations Act for these purposes.

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

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

54 And the title is amended as follows:

55 Delete everything before the enacting clause
56 and insert:

57 A bill to be entitled

58 An act relating to clerks of the court; amending s.
59 40.29, F.S.; requiring the clerks of court to submit a
60 request for reimbursement for jury-related costs to
61 the Clerks of Court Operations Corporation within
62 specified timeframes; requiring the Florida Clerks of
63 Court Operations Corporation to review the requests
64 for reimbursement; requiring the corporation to submit
65 certain information to the commission; requiring the
66 commission to review the information and submit a
67 request for payment to the Chief Financial Officer
68 under certain circumstances; removing a provision



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authorizing the commission to apportion funds among
the counties for certain purposes; providing an
effective date.