A bill to be entitled

An act relating to breach of bond costs; amending s. 903.21, F.S.; requiring sureties to pay certain costs and expenses incurred in returning the defendant to the jurisdiction of the court; revising the definition of the term "jurisdiction" to which the defendant must be returned; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 903.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

903.21 Method of surrender; exoneration of obligors.—

(3) The surety shall be exonerated of liability on the bond if it is determined prior to breach of the bond that the defendant is in any jail or prison and the surety agrees in writing to pay the costs and expenses incurred in ~~transportation cost of~~ returning the defendant to the jurisdiction of the court. For purposes of this subsection, "jurisdiction" means the county from which the defendant was released on bail ~~within the judicial circuit as prescribed by law~~.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.