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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to breach of bond costs; amending s.  
3 903.21, F.S.; providing for the exoneration from  
4 liability of a surety on a bond under certain  
5 circumstances if the surety agrees in writing to pay  
6 the costs and expenses incurred in returning the  
7 defendant to the jurisdiction of the court; redefining  
8 the term "jurisdiction"; providing an effective date.  
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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12 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 903.21, Florida  
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 903.21 Method of surrender; exoneration of obligors.-

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

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.