

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to court interpreter services;
 3 amending s. 29.0185, F.S.; authorizing the state
 4 courts system to use state revenues, if available, to
 5 provide court-appointed interpreting services to
 6 nonindigent individuals; requiring such services to be
 7 provided as prescribed by the Supreme Court; amending
 8 s. 29.0195, F.S.; repealing the cost recovery
 9 requirement for court-appointed interpreting services;
 10 providing an exception; providing an effective date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Section 29.0185, Florida Statutes, is amended
 15 to read:

16 29.0185 Provision of state-funded due process services to
 17 individuals.—

18 (1) Due process services may not be provided with state
 19 revenues to an individual unless the individual on whose behalf
 20 the due process services are being provided is eligible for
 21 court-appointed counsel under s. 27.40, based upon a
 22 determination of indigency under s. 27.52, regardless of whether
 23 such counsel is appointed or the individual on whose behalf the
 24 due process services are being provided is eligible for court-
 25 appointed counsel under s. 27.40 and has been determined

26 indigent for costs pursuant to s. 27.52.

27 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), state revenues may be
 28 used by the state courts system to provide court-appointed
 29 interpreting services to nonindigent individuals if funds are
 30 available in the fiscal year appropriation for due process
 31 services and if interpreting services are provided as prescribed
 32 by the Supreme Court.

33 Section 2. Section 29.0195, Florida Statutes, is amended
 34 to read:

35 29.0195 Recovery of expenditures for state-funded
 36 services.-

37 (1) The trial court administrator of each circuit shall
 38 recover expenditures for state-funded services when those
 39 services have been furnished to a user of the state court system
 40 who possesses the present ability to pay. The rate of
 41 compensation for such services is ~~shall be~~ the actual cost of
 42 the services, including the cost of recovery. The trial court
 43 administrator shall deposit moneys recovered under this section
 44 in the Administrative Trust Fund within the state courts system.
 45 The trial court administrator shall recover the costs of court
 46 reporter services and transcription; translations ~~court~~
 47 ~~interpreter services, including translation;~~ and any other
 48 service for which state funds were used to provide a product or
 49 service within the circuit.

50 (2) This section does not authorize cost recovery for

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51 | court-appointed interpreting services, except translations, or
52 | cost recovery from entities described in ss. 29.005-29.007.

53 | Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.