

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Yarborough

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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to sheriffs in consolidated  
3 governments; amending s. 30.49, F.S.; authorizing  
4 sheriffs in a consolidated government, as well as all  
5 other sheriffs, to transfer funds after their budgets  
6 are approved by the board of county commissioners,  
7 city council, or budget commission; amending s. 30.53,  
8 F.S.; preserving the independence of a sheriff in a  
9 consolidated government concerning certain powers;  
10 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. Subsection (12) of section 30.49, Florida  
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 30.49 Budgets.—

17 (12) Notwithstanding any other law, and in order to  
18 effectuate, fulfill, and preserve the independence of sheriffs  
19 as specified in s. 30.53, a sheriff may transfer funds between  
20 the fund and functional categories and object and subobject code  
21 levels after his or her budget has been approved by the board of  
22 county commissioners, city council, or budget commission. This  
23 subsection shall apply to a sheriff in a consolidated  
24 government, consolidated pursuant to s. 3 or s. 6(e), Art. VIII  
25 of the State Constitution.

26 Section 2. Section 30.53, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
27 read:

28 30.53 Independence of constitutional officials.—The  
29 independence of the sheriffs, including a sheriff in a

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30 consolidated government, consolidated pursuant to s. 3 or s.  
31 6(e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution, shall be preserved  
32 concerning the purchase of supplies and equipment, selection of  
33 personnel, and the hiring, firing, and setting of salaries of  
34 such personnel; provided that nothing herein contained shall  
35 restrict the establishment or operation of any civil service  
36 system or civil service board created pursuant to s. 14, Art.  
37 III, of the State Constitution, provided, further that nothing  
38 contained in ss. 30.48-30.53 shall be construed to alter, modify  
39 or change in any manner any civil service system or board, state  
40 or local, now in existence or hereafter established.

41 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.