

CHAPTER 2020-100

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 131

An act relating to security in trial court facilities; amending s. 30.15, F.S.; requiring sheriffs to coordinate with certain boards of county commissioners and chief judges to develop a comprehensive plan for security of trial court facilities; specifying that sheriffs and chief judges retain certain authorities; specifying that sheriffs and their deputies, employees, and contractors are officers of the court under specified circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 30.15, Florida Statutes, to read:

30.15 Powers, duties, and obligations.—

(4)(a) In accordance with each county's obligation under s. 14, Art. V of the State Constitution and s. 29.008 to fund security for trial court facilities, the sheriff of each county shall coordinate with the board of county commissioners of that county and the chief judge of the circuit in which that county is located on the development of a comprehensive plan for the provision of security for trial court facilities. Each sheriff shall retain authority over the implementation and provision of law enforcement services associated with the plan. The chief judge of the circuit shall retain decision-making authority to ensure the protection of due process rights, including, but not limited to, the scheduling and conduct of trials and other judicial proceedings as part of his or her responsibility for the administrative supervision of trial courts under s. 43.26.

(b) Sheriffs and their deputies, employees, and contractors are officers of the court when providing security for trial court facilities under this subsection.

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

Approved by the Governor June 27, 2020.

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