

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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4 By: Senator Dowd

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 153

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTIES FOR JUVENILE OFFICERS SALARIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

"TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTIES FOR JUVENILE OFFICERS SALARIES"

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Title 16, Chapter 13, Subchapter 3 is amended by the following new section:

"16-13-331. State Reimbursement

(a) The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) shall administer the state reimbursement to the counties for the juvenile officers' previous year salary.

(b) In order for a county to receive the state reimbursement for juvenile intake and probation officers the county must submit the following documentation to the AOC, including but not limited to:

(1) proof of the juvenile officers' certification and continuing education hours;

(2) a copy of the juvenile officers' W-2 form for the salary year that is being reimbursed; and

(3) a completed form concerning the employment status of the officer which shall be designed and distributed by the AOC.

(c) If a county contracts with a service provider to provide juvenile intake and probation services pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated 16-13-330, the county must submit documentation to the AOC, including but not limited to:

(1) a copy of the contract for the salary year that is being reimbursed;

1 (2) a copy of the juvenile officers' certification and continuing
2 education hours;

3 (3) a copy of the juvenile officers' W-2 form for the salary year
4 that is being reimbursed; and

5 (4) a completed form concerning the employment status of the
6 officer which shall be designed and distributed by the AOC.

7 (d) A county may determine that part-time service of a juvenile officer
8 is sufficient to meet the needs of a county.

9 (1) Multiple counties in a judicial district may share the cost of
10 the salary of the intake and probation officer. One county may be designated
11 as the county to be reimbursed by the state or each county shall designate the
12 portion of the salary that it pays for juvenile intake and probation services.

13 (2) The county may contract with a service provider for full or
14 part-time juvenile intake and probation officer services and the county shall
15 indicate the percentage of the contractors' time that is spent providing
16 juvenile intake and probation officer services for the county. The county or
17 the contractor shall be reimbursed for one half (1/2) of the portion of the
18 salary that is used for such services up to fifteen thousand dollars
19 (\$15,000).

20 (e) Nothing in this subsection removes the obligation for each juvenile
21 judge to have a minimum of one (1) intake officer, pursuant to Arkansas Code
22 Annotated 16-13-328 and one (1) probation officer, pursuant to Arkansas Code
23 Annotated 16-13-327."

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25 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
26 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
27 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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29 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
30 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
31 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
32 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
33 act are declared to be severable.

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35 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
36 hereby repealed.

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SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that juvenile officers serve a vital function; that the present law concerning state reimbursement to counties for a portion of the cost of providing juvenile officers is inadequate; and that this act is immediately necessary in order to adequately provide for this necessary function. Therefore an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto.

/s/Senator Dowd