

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 989

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5 By: Senator Broadway
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR MORE COURTROOM SECURITY;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR MORE COURTROOM
14 SECURITY.

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 10 is amended to add an*
20 *additional subchapter to read as follows:*

21 *16-10-1001. Findings and determination.*

22 *The General Assembly finds that:*

23 *(1) While the construction, maintenance, and operation of county*
24 *courthouses, county courtrooms, and other county court facilities are county*
25 *government responsibilities, the state recognizes the importance of the need*
26 *to provide adequate security for judges, court employees, jurors, and members*
27 *of the public who utilize the facilities; and*

28 *(2) The purpose of this subchapter is to create a partnership*
29 *between the state and local governments to ensure that all reasonable steps*
30 *are taken to provide safe and secure court facilities.*

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32 *16-10-1002. Guidelines and standards for courtroom security.*

33 *(a) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall establish guidelines*
34 *and standards for courtroom security for the courts of the State of Arkansas.*

35 *(b) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall establish a Task*
36 *Force on Courtroom Security.*



1 (c) The Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court shall appoint the
2 members of the Task Force on Courtroom Security and a chairperson.

3 (d) The Task Force on Courtroom Security shall include a
4 representative from:

5 (1) The Arkansas Judicial Council;

6 (2) The Arkansas Sheriffs' Association;

7 (3) The Arkansas County Judges' Association;

8 (4) The Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys' Association;

9 (5) The Arkansas Circuit and County Clerks Association; and

10 (6) The Arkansas Bar Association.

11 (e) The members of the Task Force on Courtroom Security shall serve
12 without compensation.

13 (f) The Task Force on Courtroom Security shall assist the
14 Administrative Office of the Courts in the development of state guidelines,
15 standards, and procedures for courthouse and courtroom security, including,
16 but not limited to, the following:

17 (1) Standard operating procedures to be used by court security
18 personnel;

19 (2) Facility security planning;

20 (3) Emergency preparedness and continuity of operations;

21 (4) Disaster recovery;

22 (5) Threat assessment;

23 (6) Central incident reporting and evaluations;

24 (7) Security equipment and technology;

25 (8) Local planning and cooperation; and

26 (9) New courthouse design.

27 (g) The Chief Justice shall request the administrative circuit judge
28 in each judicial district to create a local court security task force to
29 evaluate the current state of courtroom security within the district and to
30 create a local court security plan.

31 (h) The Administrative Office of the Courts may solicit funds from
32 federal and private agencies to assist and support county governments with
33 the study, installation, and operation of courthouse security measures on
34 behalf of the state and county governments.

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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-6-306 is amended to add additional

1 subsections to read as follows:

2 (d)(1) In order to provide local funds to assist the county with the
3 provision of adequate courtroom security, an alternative to the schedule of
4 fees in subsection (a) of this section may be used by the county.

5 (2) The alternate fee schedule shall be used only if:

6 (A) Requested by the administrative circuit judge;

7 (B) Approved by the recorder; and

8 (C) Adopted by quorum court ordinance.

9 (3)(A) If the alternative fee schedule is adopted, fifteen
10 percent (15%) of the funds collected annually shall be appropriated and
11 expended by the quorum court at the direction of the administrative circuit
12 judge to implement the local court security plan.

13 (B) Authorized uses of the funds shall include the:

14 (i) Purchase, installation, and maintenance of
15 security equipment and technology;

16 (ii) Design and modification of facilities; and

17 (iii) Employment of bailiffs or other security
18 personnel.

19 (4)(A) Upon agreement of more than one (1) county in a judicial
20 district, a single county may be designated as the depository of all security
21 funds collected in the district.

22 (B) The treasurer in the designated county shall maintain
23 a separate account of the security funds received from each county in the
24 district.

25 (e) The alternate schedule of fees, if adopted pursuant to subsection
26 (d) of this section, shall be as follows:

27 (1) For recording deeds, deeds of trusts, mortgages, release
28 deeds, powers of attorney, and other recordable instruments, except as
29 otherwise prescribed in subdivision (e)(2) of this section, ten dollars
30 (\$10.00) for one (1) page, one (1) side only, and four dollars (\$4.00) for
31 each additional page; and

32 (2) For filing or recording all instruments other than those
33 prescribed in subdivision (e)(1) of this section that are normally placed on
34 record in the recorder's office:

35 (A) Plats: when measurements exceed 8 1/2" x 14" ...\$14.00

36 (B) Survey plats: 8 1/2" x 14" or smaller...10.00

