

COURT SECURITY REVISIONS

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Brad L. Dee

Senate Sponsor: Scott K. Jenkins

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the terms and responsibilities by which the state court administrator shall pay for bailiffs and building security officers.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ specifies that the state court administrator shall enter into a contract with the county sheriff and pay the costs for bailiffs and building security officers;
- ▶ removes the legislative cap on amounts paid for that purpose; and
- ▶ shifts responsibility from the counties to the state court administrator for costs related to security administration, supervision, travel, equipment, and training of bailiffs.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

17-22-27, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 297

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:



28 Section 1. Section **17-22-27** is amended to read:

29 **17-22-27. Sheriff -- Assignment of court bailiffs -- Contract and costs.**

30 (1) The sheriff shall assign law enforcement officers or special function officers, as
31 defined under Sections **53-13-103** and **53-13-105**, to serve as court bailiffs and security officers
32 in the courts of record and county justice courts as required by the rules of the Judicial
33 Council.

34 (2) (a) The state court administrator shall enter into a contract with the county sheriff
35 ~~[for bailiffs and building security officers]~~ for the cost of bailiffs and building security officers
36 for district and juvenile courts within the county. ~~[The contract may not exceed amounts~~
37 ~~appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.]~~ The [county] state court administrator shall
38 assume costs related to security administration, supervision, travel, equipment, and training of
39 bailiffs.

40 (b) The contract shall specify the agreed services, costs of services, and terms of
41 payment.

42 (c) If the court is located in the same facility as a state or local law enforcement agency
43 and the county sheriff's office is not in close proximity to the court, the State Court
44 Administrator in consultation with the sheriff may enter into a contract with the state or local
45 law enforcement agency for bailiff and security services subject to meeting all other
46 requirements of this section. If the services are provided by another agency, the county sheriff
47 shall have no responsibility for the services under this section.

48 (3) (a) At the request of the court, the sheriff may appoint as a law clerk bailiff
49 graduates of a law school accredited by the American Bar Association to provide security and
50 legal research assistance. Any law clerk who is also a bailiff shall meet the requirements of
51 Subsection (1) of this section.

52 (b) The sheriff may appoint a law clerk bailiff by contract for a period not to exceed
53 two years, who shall be exempt from the deputy sheriff merit service commission.

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