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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1360

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Committee: Judiciary

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to courts; to create the Court Security and
- 2 Service Reimbursement Program.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- 1 Section 1. (1) The Court Security and Service Reimbursement Program
- 2 <u>is created. The program shall be administered by the Nebraska Commission</u>
- 3 on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. The commission shall make
- 4 reimbursement payments to counties for the following security and service
- 5 expenses:
- 6 (a) Actual wage costs of deputies assigned to court security and
- 7 service for up to one and four-tenths deputies assigned per judge; and
- 8 <u>(b) Actual wage costs of supervisors of deputies for up to one</u>
- 9 <u>supervisor for every ten deputies employed by the county and assigned to</u>
- 10 county security and service.
- 11 (2) For purposes of this section:
- 12 (a) Actual wage costs include any expense paid by the county for
- 13 salary and benefits for any eligible deputy or supervisor; and
- 14 (b) Judge includes any judge of the district court, county court,
- 15 <u>separate juvenile court, or workers' compensation court or any child</u>
- 16 support referee.
- 17 (3) Each county shall report to the commission the total actual wage
- 18 costs eligible for reimbursement under the program for the previously
- 19 completed fiscal year ending June 30 by October 1 of each year.
- 20 (4) The commission shall certify the total amount of actual wage
- 21 costs reported by the counties and the amount of reimbursement payments
- 22 to be paid to each county receiving reimbursement payments and to the
- 23 budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
- 24 Administrative Services by November 1 of each year. If funds appropriated
- 25 by the Legislature are insufficient to provide reimbursement payment for
- 26 <u>the total actual wage costs by counties as described in this section, the</u>
- 27 amount of reimbursement payments to each county shall be paid pro rata.
- 28 (5) The commission shall annually make reimbursement payments in
- 29 eight equal monthly payments, beginning on November XX of each fiscal
- 30 year. No reimbursement payments shall be made in the months of July,
- 31 August, September, or October.

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1 (6) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate twelve

- 2 <u>million dollars per year from the General Fund for the Court Security and</u>
- 3 <u>Service Reimbursement Program.</u>