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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the payment of court-appointed interpreters
2 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 331.424, subsection 1, paragraph g,
2 Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

3 g. The maintenance and operation of the courts, including
4 but not limited to the salary and expenses of the clerk of the
5 district court and other employees of the clerk's office, and
6 bailiffs, court costs if the prosecution fails or if the costs
7 cannot be collected from the person liable, costs and expenses
8 of prosecution under section 189A.17, salaries and expenses of
9 juvenile court officers under chapter 602, court-ordered costs
10 in domestic abuse cases under section 236.5, the county's
11 expense for confinement of prisoners under chapter 356A,
12 temporary assistance to the county attorney, county
13 contributions to a retirement system for bailiffs,
14 reimbursement for judicial magistrates under section 602.6501,
15 claims filed under section 622.93, ~~interpreters'-fees-under~~
16 ~~section-622B-7~~, uniform citation and complaint supplies under
17 section 805.6, and costs of prosecution under section 815.13.

18 Sec. 2. Section 622B.7, Code 1999, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 622B.7 FEE.

21 An interpreter appointed under this chapter is entitled to
22 a reasonable fee and expenses as determined by the rules
23 applying to that proceeding. This schedule shall be furnished
24 to all courts and administrative agencies and maintained by
25 them. If the interpreter is appointed by the court, the fee
26 and expenses shall be paid by the county state and if the
27 interpreter is appointed by an administrative agency, the fee
28 and expenses shall be paid out of funds available to the
29 administrative agency.

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EXPLANATION

31 This bill provides that an interpreter appointed by the
32 court for a deaf or hard-of-hearing person shall have the
33 interpreter's fee and expenses paid by the state and not the
34 county. The authority of the county to pay these expenses
35 from a supplemental levy is also eliminated.