

**Senate File 2044 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to firearm prohibitions in county courthouses

2 by the supreme court or judicial branch.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 602.1303A Firearm prohibition —  
2 courthouse — reimbursement — courthouse security.

3 1. If an order by the supreme court or the judicial branch  
4 prohibits a citizen or a local government employee working  
5 in a county courthouse from going armed with, carrying, or  
6 transporting a firearm in areas of the courthouse not under the  
7 supervision or control of the judicial branch, and if going  
8 armed with, carrying, or transporting such a firearm would  
9 otherwise be lawful under the laws of this state, the judicial  
10 branch shall, on a monthly basis, reimburse the county where  
11 the courthouse is located an amount equal to two dollars per  
12 square foot of space the judicial branch occupies in such areas  
13 of the courthouse.

14 2. a. Notwithstanding section 602.1303, subsection 3, if a  
15 citizen or local government employee is subject to the firearm  
16 prohibition in subsection 1, the judicial branch shall provide  
17 armed security personnel in the county courthouse.

18 b. The costs of the armed security personnel provided  
19 by the judicial branch shall first be borne by the judicial  
20 branch by reducing the annual salary of the chief judge of the  
21 applicable judicial district where the county is located, on a  
22 dollar-for-dollar basis, until the annual salary of the chief  
23 judge is reduced to not less than twenty-five thousand dollars.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill relates to firearm prohibitions in a courthouse by  
28 the supreme court or judicial branch.

29 Under the bill, if an order by the supreme court or the  
30 judicial branch prohibits a citizen or a local government  
31 employee working in a courthouse from going armed with,  
32 carrying, or transporting a firearm in areas of the courthouse  
33 not under the supervision or control of the judicial branch,  
34 and if going armed with, carrying, or transporting such a  
35 firearm would otherwise be lawful under the laws of this state,

1 the judicial branch shall, on a monthly basis, reimburse the  
2 county where the courthouse is located an amount equal to \$2  
3 per square foot of space the judicial branch occupies in such  
4 areas of the courthouse.

5 Notwithstanding section 602.1303(3), if a citizen or local  
6 governmental employee is subject to a firearm prohibition order  
7 of the supreme court or judicial branch, the bill requires the  
8 judicial branch to provide armed security personnel in the  
9 courthouse.

10 The costs of the armed security personnel shall first be  
11 borne by the judicial branch reducing the salary of the chief  
12 judge of the applicable judicial district where the county is  
13 located, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, until the annual salary  
14 of the chief judge is reduced to not less than \$25,000.