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SENATE BILL NO. 103

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CRAWFORD.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 476.055, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to court automation, with existing penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 476.055, RSMo, is repealed and one new
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 476.055,
3 to read as follows:

476.055. 1. There is hereby established in the state
2 treasury the "Statewide Court Automation Fund". All moneys
3 collected pursuant to section 488.027, as well as gifts,
4 contributions, devises, bequests, and grants received
5 relating to automation of judicial record keeping, and
6 moneys received by the judicial system for the dissemination
7 of information and sales of publications developed relating
8 to automation of judicial record keeping, shall be credited
9 to the fund. Moneys credited to this fund may only be used
10 for the purposes set forth in this section and as
11 appropriated by the general assembly. Any unexpended
12 balance remaining in the statewide court automation fund at
13 the end of each biennium shall not be subject to the
14 provisions of section 33.080 requiring the transfer of such
15 unexpended balance to general revenue; except that, any
16 unexpended balance remaining in the fund on September 1,
17 [2023] 2029, shall be transferred to general revenue.

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

18 2. The statewide court automation fund shall be
19 administered by a court automation committee consisting of
20 the following: the chief justice of the supreme court, a
21 judge from the court of appeals, four circuit judges, four
22 associate circuit judges, four employees of the circuit
23 court, the commissioner of administration, two members of
24 the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the
25 house, two members of the senate appointed by the president
26 pro tem of the senate, the executive director of the
27 Missouri office of prosecution services, the director of the
28 state public defender system, and two members of the
29 Missouri Bar. The judge members and employee members shall
30 be appointed by the chief justice. The commissioner of
31 administration shall serve ex officio. The members of the
32 Missouri Bar shall be appointed by the board of governors of
33 the Missouri Bar. Any member of the committee may designate
34 another person to serve on the committee in place of the
35 committee member.

36 3. The committee shall develop and implement a plan
37 for a statewide court automation system. The committee
38 shall have the authority to hire consultants, review systems
39 in other jurisdictions and purchase goods and services to
40 administer the provisions of this section. The committee
41 may implement one or more pilot projects in the state for
42 the purposes of determining the feasibility of developing
43 and implementing such plan. The members of the committee
44 shall be reimbursed from the court automation fund for their
45 actual expenses in performing their official duties on the
46 committee.

47 4. Any purchase of computer software or computer
48 hardware that exceeds five thousand dollars shall be made
49 pursuant to the requirements of the office of administration

50 for lowest and best bid. Such bids shall be subject to
51 acceptance by the office of administration. The court
52 automation committee shall determine the specifications for
53 such bids.

54 5. The court automation committee shall not require
55 any circuit court to change any operating system in such
56 court, unless the committee provides all necessary
57 personnel, funds and equipment necessary to effectuate the
58 required changes. No judicial circuit or county may be
59 reimbursed for any costs incurred pursuant to this
60 subsection unless such judicial circuit or county has the
61 approval of the court automation committee prior to
62 incurring the specific cost.

63 6. Any court automation system, including any pilot
64 project, shall be implemented, operated and maintained in
65 accordance with strict standards for the security and
66 privacy of confidential judicial records. Any person who
67 knowingly releases information from a confidential judicial
68 record is guilty of a class B misdemeanor. Any person who,
69 knowing that a judicial record is confidential, uses
70 information from such confidential record for financial gain
71 is guilty of a class E felony.

72 7. On the first day of February, May, August and
73 November of each year, the court automation committee shall
74 file a report on the progress of the statewide automation
75 system with:

- 76 (1) The chair of the house budget committee;
- 77 (2) The chair of the senate appropriations committee;
- 78 (3) The chair of the house judiciary committee; and
- 79 (4) The chair of the senate judiciary committee.

80 8. Section 488.027 shall expire on September 1, [2023]
81 **2029**. The court automation committee established pursuant

82 to this section may continue to function until completion of
83 its duties prescribed by this section[, but shall complete
84 its duties prior to September 1, 2025].

85 9. This section shall expire on September 1, 2025].

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