

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION**  
**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**

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**Bill Type and Number:** 2019-553

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Sheriff

**Date of Introduction:** August 13, 2019

**Committee(s) of Reference:** F, NCSPHS

**Date of Analysis:** August 13, 2019

**Type of Action:** Appropriation and contract authorization

**Bill Summary:** This bill is an appropriation of \$761,021.04 from the State of Florida, Child Support Enforcement Division for the service of process by the Civil Process Unit of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for child support cases. This funding will cover the period between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2024. This bill also authorizes the contract between the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the Florida Department of Revenue for the service of process in the Child Support Enforcement Program.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to offset the direct salary expenses of both part time and full time Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Civil Process Unit employees. The members of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Civil Unit carry out the Sheriff's statutory responsibility for the service of process and execution of writs. These judicial process documents originate from the courts, governmental agencies and private attorneys in Florida and throughout the United States. In addition, this unit also enforces levies and conducts Sheriff's sales to aid in the collection of money judgements.

**Policy Impact Area:** Child support enforcement- Civil Process Unit of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

**Fiscal Impact:** Appropriation of \$761,021.04 from the State of Florida, Child Support Enforcement Division as initiated by B.T. 19-103

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