

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2020-403

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

Date of Introduction: July 28, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: July 29, 2020

Type of Action: Agreement authorization and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Columbia County for Medical Examiner Services and Reimbursement. The Medical Examiner will review the fees annually no later than June of each year and if fees do not cover the services rendered then Columbia County will be provided with a ninety (90) day notice of any increase in fees. The Medical Examiner's Office Operations Manager, currently Tim Crutchfield, will provide oversight of the contract/agreement.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to address the reimbursement of Medical Examiner's fees for autopsy services performed for Columbia County. The District IV Medical Examiner also provides services to two counties in District III, Columbia County and Hamilton County. Duval County has allocated the annual salary for the Medical Examiner's Office and Columbia County will reimburse Duval County for the value of the District IV Medical Examiner's services it receives. The reimbursement reflects the fees as defined by Ordinances 2015-405-E and 2017-0370-E and will be in effect for three years from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023.

Policy Impact Area: District IV Medical Examiner services and reimbursement

Fiscal Impact: The impact of not approving this agreement would result in the loss of more than \$220,000 in annual revenue.

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