

House Bill No. 1869

An act relating to services provided by the Division of Administrative Hearings; amending s. 120.65, F.S.; providing that certain entities must reimburse the division for services provided and travel expenses incurred by administrative law judges; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (11) is added to section 120.65, Florida Statutes, to read:

120.65 Administrative law judges.—

(11) The division shall be reimbursed for administrative law judge services and travel expenses by the following entities: water management districts, regional planning councils, school districts, community colleges, the Division of Community Colleges, state universities, the State Board of Education, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, and the Commission for Independent Education. These entities shall contract with the division to establish a contract rate for services and provisions for reimbursement of administrative law judge travel expenses and video conferencing expenses attributable to hearings conducted on behalf of these entities. The contract rate must be based on a total-cost-recovery methodology.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

Approved by the Governor May 25, 2004.

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