

HB 361 -- Neutral Site Child Custody Exchange

Sponsor: Roorda

This bill authorizes counties to assess a fee of between \$1 and \$8 on all civil case filings by the clerk of the circuit court to be deposited into the county's newly created neutral site custody exchange fund. The fee will not be charged in any proceeding commenced by or on behalf of a political subdivision. The governing body of the county creating the fund must make annual grant disbursements to one or more qualified nonprofit organizations for the purpose of implementing a neutral site child custody exchange program as approved by the chief judge of the county's judicial circuit. The disbursements to any nonprofit organization cannot exceed \$500,000 per year. Any moneys not disbursed during the year will be paid to the county treasurer for the administration of justice in the county.