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Version: As Passed by the Senate

Primary Sponsor: Sen. O'Brien

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SUMMARY

- Allows a board of county commissioners to authorize a county department of probation to accept payments by financial transaction device.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

County departments of probation

The bill authorizes a county department of probation to accept payments by financial transaction devices, provided the board of county commissioners has authorized county expenses to be paid by that method. In the case of a multicounty department of probation, this entitlement applies only if all the boards of county commissioners of all counties in the multicounty department have authorized payments to be accepted by financial transaction devices. Under the bill, a clerk of the court of common pleas may continue accepting payments by financial transaction devices for a county department of probation that is so authorized.¹

Under continuing law, a board of county commissioners may adopt a resolution authorizing certain county official to accept payments by financial transaction devices for county expenses.² "Financial transaction device" includes a credit card, debit card, charge card, or prepaid or stored value card, or automated clearinghouse network credit, debit, or e-check entry that includes, but is not limited to, accounts receivable and internet-initiated, point of purchase, and telephone-initiated applications or any other device or method for making an electronic payment or transfer of funds.³

¹ R.C. 301.28(A).

² R.C. 301.28(B).

³ R.C. 301.28(A)(1).

HISTORY

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