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Brief Description: Authorizing agreements to allow bail bond agencies to execute bench warrants.

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Provides that, where approved by the local legislative body, courts of limited jurisdiction may enter into agreements with one or more licensed bail bond agencies for the purpose of executing bench warrants for an accused's failure to appear or violation of a condition of release. These agreements may specify the scope of work, remuneration for services, and other charges deemed appropriate.

Provides that, upon the release of an accused on bail or on his or her personal recognizance pending trial, a court using licensed bail bond agencies shall advise the accused in writing that his or her failure to appear or violation of the conditions of release may result in a warrant for the accused's arrest, that the warrant may be executed by a bail bond agency, and that the accused will be financially responsible for reimbursement costs to the bail bond agency.

Provides that, when a warrant is executed by a licensed bail bond agency, the court shall require the accused to pay the costs of executing the warrant.