

**CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 155 of 1964**

**551.332 Family counseling services; creation; purpose; establishment in judicial circuits; appropriations; participation in funding; agreement; limitation.**

Sec. 2. (1) For the purpose of preserving and improving family life through competent family counseling, family counseling services which shall include domestic violence and child abuse, are created as provided in this section. In each judicial circuit, the circuit court may establish family counseling services. The county board of commissioners shall appropriate \$15.00 of each marriage license fee and all income derived from fees charged for family counseling services. If the circuit has established a family counseling service, each county board of commissioners may participate in the funding of the services and may make additional appropriations for the establishment and maintenance of the family counseling services. In multiple-county circuits, the boards of commissioners may agree as to the participation of each in the funding, and as to the appropriation which each may make. The agreement may provide for varying rather than equal contributions from each county.

(2) The circuit court shall not enter into a contract, employ personnel or expend funds which shall exceed the appropriations of funds from the county board of commissioners.

**History:** 1964, Act 155, Eff. Aug. 28, 1964;—Am. 1980, Act 16, Imd. Eff. Feb. 14, 1980.