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Shifting misdemeanor probation-pretrial services to the private sector should Brevard County, Fl., taxpayers roughly \$1 million over the next three years, reports Florida Today. The Brevard County Commission approved a three-year contract with Judicial Correction Services, effective Jan. 31. The Atlanta-based company already handles these services for bordering Volusia and Osceola counties.

JCS is interviewing the county's 30-odd, soon-to-be-displaced criminal justice services employees, said Dennis Moon, director of Florida operations. JCS will employ 30 to 34 workers in Brevard, Moon said — "the faces, for the most part, will stay the same." Operating at the Brevard County Jail Complex and another office, the county department cost \$2.86 million to operate last year. The county collected nearly \$2 million in fees from supervised offenders. County Manager Howard Tipton said taxpayer savings should total \$211,000 to \$250,000 this fiscal year. He anticipates annual savings of \$400,000 the final two years of the contract

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