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SENATE BILL 18-222

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING REIMBURSING PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS FOR COSTS
102 ASSOCIATED WITH LITIGATING RULE 35 OF THE COLORADO
103 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE MOTIONS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the judicial department to reimburse a district attorney or the attorney general for costs associated with litigating postconviction rule 35 of the Colorado criminal procedure motions. Costs include lay and expert witness expenses, travel expenses, subpoena expenses, required transcript costs, and attorney time billed at the same

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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rate as the alternate defense counsel rate.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-18-101, **add** (4)
3 as follows:

4 **16-18-101. Costs in criminal cases.** (4) FROM ANNUAL
5 APPROPRIATIONS MADE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE JUDICIAL
6 DEPARTMENT SHALL REIMBURSE A DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR THE ATTORNEY
7 GENERAL FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH LITIGATING MOTIONS BROUGHT
8 PURSUANT TO RULE 35 OF THE COLORADO RULES OF CRIMINAL
9 PROCEDURE. THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT SHALL REIMBURSE A DISTRICT
10 ATTORNEY OR ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR LAY AND EXPERT WITNESS
11 EXPENSES, TRAVEL EXPENSES, SUBPOENA EXPENSES, THE COST OF ANY
12 REQUIRED TRANSCRIPTS, AND ATTORNEY TIME BASED ON AN HOURLY RATE
13 FOR THE TIME SPENT ON THE MATTER BY A DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR
14 ATTORNEY GENERAL OR ANY OF HIS OR HER ASSISTANTS, CHIEFS, OR
15 DEPUTIES ASSIGNED TO THE CASE. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR ATTORNEY
16 GENERAL SHALL CERTIFY THESE COSTS TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.
17 THE HOURLY RATE FOR ATTORNEY TIME IS THE SAME RATE ESTABLISHED
18 EACH YEAR BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR PAYMENT OF ALTERNATE
19 DEFENSE COUNSEL CONTRACT ATTORNEYS.

20 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
21 takes effect January 1, 2019; except that, if a referendum petition is filed
22 pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this
23 act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period
24 after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item,
25 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the

1 general election to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take
2 effect on January 1, 2019, or on the date of the official declaration of the
3 vote thereon by the governor, whichever is later.