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**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

Drafting Number: LLS 18-0931
Prime Sponsors: Rep. Arndt
Sen. Coram

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Bill Status: Postponed Indefinitely
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Bill Topic: REIMBURSE EXPENSES RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COUNCIL

**Summary of
Fiscal Impact:**

- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

The bill allows members of the Restorative Justice Coordinating Council to receive reimbursement for expenses incurred while serving on the council. Beginning in FY 2018-19, costs will increase for the Judicial Department by about \$10,000 per year on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation
Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note
Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 18-1241**

| | | FY 2018-19 | FY 2019-20 |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Revenue | | - | - |
| Expenditures | Cash Funds | \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| Transfers | | - | - |

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows members of the Restorative Justice Coordinating Council to receive reimbursement for expenses incurred while serving on the council.

Background

The Restorative Justice Coordinating Council was established by House Bill 07-1129. Its mandate is to provide training, technical assistance, and education related to restorative justice in the state of Colorado; to support the development of restorative justice programs; and to serve as a repository of information for those programs. There are currently 19 members on the council, including representatives from state and local governments, practitioners, and victims.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2018-19, state cash fund expenditures will increase by about \$10,000 per year, paid from the Restorative Justice Cash Fund. This amount assumes reimbursement for expenditures related to bimonthly council meetings and the annual planning retreat. These costs can be accommodated within existing appropriations to the Judicial Department and no additional appropriation is needed.

To the extent that state agencies are otherwise reimbursing appointees for these costs, savings will be achieved. This includes the Departments of Corrections, Education, Human Services, Public Safety, and various offices within the Judicial Department. These impacts do not require a reduction in appropriations for any state agency.

Local Government

Similar to the state, the bill may result in cost savings for district attorneys or local law enforcement agencies who have members serving on the council, if these governments have been reimbursing members for expenses. These impacts are assumed to be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate Appropriations Committee on April 24, 2018.

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial