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**FISCAL NOTE**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 19-0911  
**Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Arndt

**Date:** March 4, 2019  
**Bill Status:** House Judiciary  
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**Bill Topic:** REIMBURSE EXPENSES RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COUNCIL

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 2019-20, costs will increase for the Judicial Department by approximately \$10,000 per year on an ongoing basis.

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

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 19-1205**

		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	Cash Funds	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-

## 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.

The Restorative Justice Cash Fund receives revenue from a \$10 surcharge levied on persons convicted or adjudicated of a crime. 95 percent or \$9.50 of the surcharge goes to the Restorative Justice Cash Fund.

## State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2019-20, state cash fund expenditures will increase by approximately \$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.

## Local Government

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 takes effect August 2, 2019, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 3, 2019, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial