

**First Regular Session  
Seventy-fourth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PREAMENDED**

*This Unofficial Version Includes Committee  
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LLS NO. 23-0311.01 Amber Paoloemilio x5497

**SENATE BILL 23-072**

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**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Rodriguez,**

**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Epps and Soper,**

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**Senate Committees**

Judiciary  
Appropriations

**House Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE DEFENSE COUNSEL ON FIRST**  
102                    **APPEARANCE GRANT PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION**  
103                    **THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE**  
104                    **2022 SUNSET REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY**  
105                    **AGENCIES AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**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/>.)*

**Sunset Process - Senate Judiciary Committee.** The bill continues the defense counsel on first appearance grant program until

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

September 1, 2028, subject to sunset review.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **repeal**  
3 (14)(a)(VIII); and **add** (19)(a)(II) as follows:

4           **2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees - legislative**  
5 **declaration - definition - repeal.** (14) (a) The following statutory  
6 authorizations for the designated advisory committees are scheduled for  
7 repeal on September 1, 2023:

8           (VIII) ~~The defense counsel on first appearance grant program~~  
9 ~~created in section 24-32-123;~~

10           (19) (a) The following statutory authorizations for the designated  
11 advisory committees will repeal on September 1, 2028:

12           (II) THE DEFENSE COUNSEL ON FIRST APPEARANCE GRANT  
13 PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 24-32-123;

14           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-123, **amend**  
15 (5) as follows:

16           **24-32-123. Defense counsel on first appearance grant program**  
17 **- report - rules - definition - repeal.** (5) This section is repealed,  
18 effective September 1, ~~2023~~ 2028. Before its repeal, the department of  
19 regulatory agencies shall review the grant program in accordance with  
20 section 2-3-1203.

21           **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** For the 2023-24 state fiscal year,  
22 \$1,666,652 is appropriated to the department of local affairs for use by  
23 the division of local government. This appropriation is from the general  
24 fund and is based on an assumption that the division will require an  
25 additional 0.4 FTE. To implement this act, the division may use this

1 appropriation for the defense counsel on first appearance grant program.

2           **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
3 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
4 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
5 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
6 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
7 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
8 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
9 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
10 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.