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**HB17-1316**

**FISCAL NOTE**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

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**Drafting Number:** LLS 17-1164  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Lontine  
Sen. Marble

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**Bill Status:** House Judiciary  
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**BILL TOPIC:** DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF HB 16-1309

**Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, beginning on May 1, 2017, municipal courts will be required to appoint legal counsel to defendants facing incarceration and to inform defendants of certain rights at his or her first appearance. This bill delays the implementation of these requirements until July 1, 2018.

**Background**

House Bill 16-1309 requires as of May 1, 2017, that municipal courts appoint counsel in certain situations and municipal judges inform a defendant, at first appearance, of his or her rights related to self-incrimination, counsel, trial by jury, pleas, bail, and the charges against him or her. This applies to prosecutions of municipal charter and ordinance violations. There are approximately 175 municipal courts across the state which meet anywhere from daily to once a month, depending on the caseload of the municipality.

**Local Government Impact**

Municipal courts are preparing to implement HB16-1309 beginning on May 1, 2017. By delaying this requirement until July 1, 2018, this bill reduces municipal court workload and costs until the new effective date.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Municipalities