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HOUSE BILL 18-1353

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A GRANT PROGRAM TO REIMBURSE
102 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
103 PROVISION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL TO CERTAIN DEFENDANTS AT
104 THEIR FIRST APPEARANCES IN MUNICIPAL COURTS.

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 creates the defense counsel on first appearance grant program (program) in the division of local government (division) within the department of local affairs. The division shall award grants from the

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program to reimburse local governments, in part or in full, for costs associated with the provision of defense counsel to defendants at their first appearances in municipal courts.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-32-121 as
3 follows:

4 **24-32-121. Defense counsel on first appearance grant program**
5 **- rules - report - definition.** (1) (a) THE DEFENSE COUNSEL ON FIRST
6 APPEARANCE GRANT PROGRAM, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE
7 "GRANT PROGRAM", IS CREATED IN THE DIVISION. THE DIVISION SHALL
8 AWARD GRANTS FROM THE GRANT PROGRAM TO REIMBURSE LOCAL
9 GOVERNMENTS, IN PART OR IN FULL, FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
10 PROVISION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL TO DEFENDANTS AT THEIR FIRST
11 APPEARANCES IN MUNICIPAL COURTS, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION
12 13-10-114.5.

13 (b) THE DIVISION SHALL:

14 (I) SOLICIT AND REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM LOCAL
15 GOVERNMENTS; AND

16 (II) SELECT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RECEIVE GRANTS TO
17 REIMBURSE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
18 PROVISION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL TO DEFENDANTS AT THEIR FIRST
19 APPEARANCE IN MUNICIPAL COURTS.

20 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE
21 MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DIVISION TO MAKE THE GRANTS
22 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AND FOR THE DIVISION'S
23 REASONABLE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES RELATED TO THE GRANTS. ANY
24 UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY FROM AN APPROPRIATION

1 MADE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2) REMAINS AVAILABLE FOR
2 EXPENDITURE BY THE DIVISION IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT
3 FURTHER APPROPRIATION.

4 (3) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY PROMULGATE RULES IN
5 ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 24 TO THE EXTENT
6 NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANT PROGRAM,
7 INCLUDING RULES ESTABLISHING AN APPLICATION PROCESS AND GRANT
8 AWARD CRITERIA.

9 (4) (a) THE DIVISION SHALL INCLUDE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE
10 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GRANT PROGRAM IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT TO THE
11 MEMBERS OF THE APPLICABLE COMMITTEES OF REFERENCE IN THE SENATE
12 AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS REQUIRED BY THE "STATE
13 MEASUREMENT FOR ACCOUNTABLE, RESPONSIVE, AND TRANSPARENT
14 (SMART) GOVERNMENT ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 2.

15 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE REPORT
16 REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION CONTINUES
17 INDEFINITELY.

18 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.