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**HOUSE BILL 18-1353**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Lontine and Carver,**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Marble,**

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**House Committees**

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**Senate Committees**

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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, AND, IN**  
105            **CONNECTION THEREWITH, 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>.)*

The bill creates the defense counsel on first appearance grant program (program) in the division of local government (division) within

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

the department of local affairs. The division shall award grants from the 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.

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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

1 UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY FROM AN APPROPRIATION  
2 MADE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2) REMAINS AVAILABLE FOR  
3 EXPENDITURE BY THE DIVISION IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT  
4 FURTHER APPROPRIATION.

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

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

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

19 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2018-19 state fiscal  
20 year, \$1,853,037 is appropriated to the department of local affairs for use  
21 by the division of local government. This appropriation is from the  
22 general fund and is based on an assumption that the division will require  
23 an additional 0.5 FTE. To implement this act, the division may use this  
24 appropriation for the defense counsel on first appearance grant program.

25 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
26 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
27 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.