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STATE OF COLORADO**

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on Second Reading in the House of Introduction*

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SENATE BILL 26-037

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Rich and Roberts,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Soper and Espenoza,

Senate Committees
Judiciary

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ALLOWING LOCAL ELECTED JUDICIAL OFFICERS TO SET**
102 **WEEKEND BONDS.**

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 <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Under current law, magistrates appointed as bond hearing officers hold bond hearings in judicial districts on the weekend to ensure that citizens are able to be heard on bond within 48 hours of their arrest. The bond hearing officers set bonds, and staff help with the bond process.

The bill allows available local elected judges to preside over

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Amended 2nd Reading
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weekend bond hearings while utilizing the weekend bond court staff.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-3-101, **add** (18)
3 as follows:

4 **13-3-101. State court administrator - duties - report -**
5 **definitions - repeal.**

6 (18) (a) THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR SHALL DEVELOP A
7 PROCESS FOR EVALUATING BOND HEARING OFFICERS APPOINTED PURSUANT
8 TO SECTION 16-4-116. THE ANNUAL EVALUATIONS MUST INCLUDE THE
9 OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT FROM ATTORNEYS, COURT STAFF, AND OTHER
10 INTERESTED COURT USERS.

11 (b) IN EACH ANNUAL EVALUATION, INPUT MUST BE GIVEN BY:

12 (I) THE ELECTED DISTRICT ATTORNEY, OR THE DISTRICT
13 ATTORNEY'S DESIGNEE, FOR EACH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE BOND
14 HEARING OFFICER PRESIDED DURING THE EVALUATION PERIOD; AND

15 (II) THE REGIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER, OR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S
16 DESIGNEE, FOR EACH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE BOND HEARING
17 OFFICER PRESIDED DURING THE EVALUATION PERIOD.

18 (c) THE EVALUATION PROCESS MUST ENSURE THAT INPUT IS
19 SOLICITED FROM EACH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH A WEEKEND BOND
20 HEARING OFFICER PRESIDES, RECOGNIZING THAT PRACTICES, RESOURCES,
21 AND CONDITIONS MAY VARY SIGNIFICANTLY ACROSS JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

22 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
23 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for

- 1 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
- 2 institutions.