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SENATE BILL 23-072

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Rodriguez,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Epps and Soper,

Senate Committees
Judiciary

House Committees

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.

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.

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17 **- report - rules - definition - repeal.** (5) This section is repealed,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. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
22 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
23 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
24 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
25 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this

1 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
2 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
3 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
4 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.