

Senate Bill No. 97

(By Senators Miller and Laird)

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[Introduced January 8, 2014; referred to the Committee on the
Judiciary; and then to the Committee on Finance.]

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NOTE**

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
adding thereto a new section, designated §15-9A-4, relating to
the funding of civil legal services to low-income persons.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended
by adding thereto to a new section, designated §15-9A-4, to read as
follows:

ARTICLE 9A. DIVISION OF JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES.

§15-9A-4. Fund for civil legal services for low income persons.

(a) There is hereby established in the State Treasury a
special revenue account, designated as the "Fund for Civil Legal
Services for Low Income Persons," which shall be an appropriated
fund for receipt of grants, gifts, fees, or federal or state funds

1 designated for civil legal services for low income persons.
2 Expenditures from the fund shall be limited to grants to nonprofit
3 agencies which provide civil legal services to low income persons.
4 The director is given the duty and powers necessary to make the
5 grants.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize, and give the Director of the Division of Justice and Community Services the duty and authority, to make grants from state and other funds to provide civil legal services to low income persons.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.