

Senate Bill No. 133

(By Senators Miller, Romano and Facemire)

[Introduced January 14, 2015; referred to the Committee on Finance.]

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

11 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

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

14 **ARTICLE 9A. DIVISION OF JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES.**

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

16 There is established in the State Treasury a special revenue account, designated as the "Fund
17 for Civil Legal Services for Low Income Persons," which is an appropriated fund for receipt of
18 grants, gifts, fees, or federal or state funds designated for civil legal services for low income persons.
19 Expenditures from the fund shall be limited to grants to nonprofit agencies which provide civil legal
20 services to low income persons. The director is given the duty and powers necessary to make the
21 grants.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Director of the Division of Justice and

Community Services 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.