

SUPREME COURT

Civil Legal Services for the Indigent in Domestic Violence Cases

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Motion:

Move to provide \$1,000,000 GPR annually to a new GPR annual appropriation under the Supreme Court's Director of State Courts to provide grants to programs that provide civil legal services to indigent persons in domestic violence cases, including the review and issuance of temporary restraining orders. Provide that the Director of State Courts must annually pay the amounts appropriated to the appropriation to the Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc., to provide civil legal services to indigent persons. Specify that the Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc., must distribute the amounts received as grants to programs to provide civil legal services to indigent persons. Further, provide that these programs may use the grant funds to match other federal and private grants. Finally, specify that the grants may only be used to provide representation in domestic violence cases, including the review and issuance of temporary restraining orders.

Note:

The provisions of 2011 Act 32 deleted the civil legal services grant program under the Department of Administration and its base expenditure authority of \$2,546,100 PR annually, supported by the \$21.50 justice information system surcharge. This motion would re-create the civil legal services grant program under the Supreme Court's Director of State Courts and provide annual funding of \$1,000,000 GPR to provide representation in domestic violence cases, including the review and issuance of temporary restraining orders.

[Change to Bill: \$2,000,000 GPR]

