SENATE BILL No. 451

May 1, 2003, Introduced by Senators GARCIA and CROPSEY and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1988 PA 260, entitled "Community dispute resolution act," by amending section 10 (MCL 691.1560), as amended by 1993 PA 286.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 10. (1) Grant recipients shall be selected from
- 2 applications submitted to the state court administrator. The
- 3 grant applications submitted for funding shall include all of the
- 4 following:
- 5 (a) The budget for the proposed center including the proposed
- 6 compensation and qualifications of the employees.
- 7 (b) A description of the proposed geographical area of
- 8 service and an estimate of the number of participants to be
- 9 served.
- 10 (c) A description of current dispute resolution services, if

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- 1 any, available within the proposed geographical area.
- 2 (d) A narrative of the applicant's proposed program that
- 3 includes the support of civic groups, social services agencies,
- 4 local courts, and criminal justice agencies to accept and make
- 5 referrals; the present availability of resources; and the
- 6 applicant's administrative capacity.
- 7 (e) A description of the fee structure, if any, that will be
- 8 applied to participants seeking dispute resolution.
- 9 (f) Such additional information as is determined to be needed
- 10 by the state court administrator.
- 11 (2) If 1 or more applicants meet the eligibility requirements
- 12 of section 9 and guidelines established under section 9, the
- 13 state court administrator shall award a grant or grants totaling
- 14 an amount at least equal to 65% of the pro rata share of
- 15 available grants funds generated by court filing fees imposed in
- 16 -that county counties served by the center in the year preceding
- 17 the year for which the applications are made. The remaining
- 18 funding generated by court filing fees and other sources may be
- 19 provided to eligible applicants on the basis of performance
- 20 measures established by the state court administrator, and to
- 21 establish threshold funding levels. Nothing in this subsection
- 22 requires a grant award that exceeds the proposed center's
- 23 approved budget.
- 24 (3) The amount awarded to a grant recipient shall not exceed
- 25 65% of the proposed center's approved budget or the amount
- 26 required by subsection (2), whichever is higher. Each grant
- 27 recipient shall provide a matching amount equal to 35% of the

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- 1 awarded grant amount.
- 2 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect
- **3** October 1, 2003.

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