

House Bill 916

By: Representatives Lupton of the 83rd and Lim of the 98th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the Judicial Council, so as to create a grant program for the purpose of providing
3 funding for civil legal services to low-income individuals; to provide for eligibility criteria
4 and standards; to provide for the council to establish the grant amounts; to provide for related
5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
9 Judicial Council, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "15-5-27.

11 Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly or other available funding, the Judicial
12 Council shall provide grants to counties and municipalities for the purpose of providing
13 civil legal services to low-income individuals. The council shall be authorized to establish
14 eligibility criteria and shall consult with advocacy groups and indigent legal services
15 experts in establishing such criteria and standards. The council shall be authorized to
16 establish the grant amount awarded to each recipient on a case-by-case basis."

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SECTION 2.

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.