

Amend CSSB 1204 (Senate committee printing) by adding the following:

Sec. 71.065. GRANTS FOR CHILD PROTECTION. (a) The Supreme Court, with the advice of an advisory group with expertise and experience in child protection cases, shall develop and administer a program to provide grants from available funds to counties for initiatives that will alleviate backlog in child protection cases.

(b) To be eligible for a grant under this section, a county must:

(1) use the grant money to alleviate backlog in child protection cases in the county's court system; and

(3) apply for the grant in accordance with procedures developed by the Supreme Court and comply with any other court-adopted requirements.

(c) If the Supreme Court awards a grant to a county, the Court shall:

(1) direct the comptroller to distribute the grant money to the county; and

(2) monitor the county's use of the grant money.