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Speaker Moore, Speaker Pro Tempore Stevens, and Representatives Lambeth, Saine, and Jones,

The Administrative Office of the Courts has some serious concerns about acting as the administering entity for the $3.5 million grant to Caitlyn's Courage Inc. (H 1023 v 5, page 5, Section 3.3(54); pages 11-12, Section 4.2C, attached). AOC very rarely administers grants to non-profits or DV service agencies. We would respectfully recommend that another agency is better equipped and more appropriate and better equipped to efficiently administer these grants. For instance, the Department of Public Safety has a new grant management system that allows them to administer funds and distribute them quickly. DPS already administers federal funds through the Governor's Crime Commission. We would recommend consideration of DPS as the administering agency for those reasons. In any case, we respectfully request that AOC not be tasked with administering this grant. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let us know if you believe it will be possible to make this change in the bill.

Best,

Andrew

P.S.- To be clear, AOC does not take a stance on the recipient of these grant funds. AOC simply believes another agency would be more experienced and better equipped to effectively administer this type of grant.

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