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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Garcia Richard **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** 134

SHORT TITLE Statewide Domestic Violence Programming **SB** _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
\$0.0	\$1,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

House Bill 134 appropriates \$1.0 million from the general fund to Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) to fund domestic violence programming throughout the state. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of the FY15 shall revert to the general fund. This bill provides additional funding for direct services for domestic violence victims, child witnesses, and offenders. Services may include, but not be limited to, emergency shelter, advocacy, legal advocacy, life skill development, and counseling. This appropriation will increase the number of services domestic violence programs can provide.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB 134 appropriates \$1.0 million from the general fund to the CYFD for expenditure in FY15. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance at the end of FY15 shall revert to the general fund. Both the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) and executive recommendations include an expansion for capacity building for domestic violence programming. CYFD reports that any additional administrative duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill can be absorbed by existing staff.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The effects of domestic violence on children can be serious and long term. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in the year 2000, an average of 2,400 children were victims of child abuse each day, many of which were at the hands of a parent. Additionally, an average of three children dies in this country every day because of child abuse or neglect. Children who are the victim of domestic violence may also experience developmental delays or behavioral health issues. Providers for domestic violence may remediate these risk factors through services such counseling and emergency shelter.

The CYFD reports that the agency currently contracts with statewide domestic violence programs to provide direct services to domestic violence victims, child witnesses, and offenders; two coalitions to provide training and assistance; and one non-profit legal agency to provide legal services. The total amount of domestic violence funding for FY14 is \$11 thousand, and this bill provides funding to increase the number of services provides by domestic violence programs.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD maintains performance measures focusing on the safety of domestic violence victims and offender treatment/intervention programs.

COMPANIONSHIP

Both the LFC and the executive recommendations included an expansion for CYFD for capacity building of domestic violence programming. The LFC recommendation includes \$500 thousand to build capacity of providers to serve children through the development of an evidence based model for domestic violence programs.

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