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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Lopez ORIGINAL DATE 01/31/14
 LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Statewide Domestic Violence Programming SB 194

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
	\$4,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 94 appropriates \$4.0 million from the general fund to CYFD to contract with a statewide entity that provides leadership, training and support for programs assisting victims and survivors of domestic violence.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill appropriates \$4.0 million from the general fund to CYFD for expenditure in FY15. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY15 shall revert to the general fund. This appropriation is not in the CYFD Request or the Executive recommendation. CYFD currently contracts with two statewide entities that provide leadership, training, and support for programs serving victims and survivors of domestic violence in the amount of \$266.0 thousand. The Domestic Violence and Family Violence Unit in the Protective Services program of the CYFD FY14 budget was \$11 million from all funding sources, \$9.4 million of which was from the general fund. Additionally, the LFC recommendation includes an agency requested expansion for a domestic violence capacity building project.

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 was 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 as counseling and emergency shelter.

According to the CYFD, leadership, training, and support are vital resources for statewide domestic violence programs to receive current information and practical tools regarding best practices and organizational functioning. Domestic violence programs that contract with CFYD are required to complete twenty hours of domestic violence related training annually. CYFD would need to consult with the statewide entities that are currently providing these services to domestic violence programs to clarify the purpose of the appropriation.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

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

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The CYFD reports that any additional administrative duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill can be absorbed by existing staff.

RELATIONSHIP

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

This bill relates to HB134, SB120, SB121, SB187.

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