

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

This bill requires a person convicted of and sentenced for criminal offenses relating to domestic violence against a household member shall participate in and complete a domestic violence offender treatment or intervention program approved by CYFD. It also provides that a person who violates a condition of probation ordered pursuant to a suspended or deferred sentence may be subject to any sentence the court could originally have imposed and not receive credit for time served on probation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No Fiscal Impact to DPS.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

No significant issues for DPS.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The amendments create a stronger legal framework to penalize individuals who harm or threaten household members, thereby offering increased protection for those in abusive situations.

This bill requires that individuals convicted of domestic violence offenses must complete a domestic violence offender treatment or intervention program. This is a key component in the rehabilitation process, as it helps offenders recognize and address the underlying behaviors and attitudes that contribute to domestic violence. The requirement for these programs aligns with evidence-based practices that show treatment can reduce recidivism, ultimately leading to fewer repeat offenses.

The proposed amendments allow for more flexibility in probation periods, such as extending probation beyond 182 days, but it also ensures that any probation violation results in appropriate consequences. This change ensures that offenders are held accountable, and there are clear and enforceable terms tied to their probation, which is critical for protecting public safety and promoting compliance with the terms of the law.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

No Administrative implications for DPS.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

No Conflicts for DPS.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

No Technical issues for DPS.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

No substantive issues for DPS.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives for DPS.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo will remain.

AMENDMENTS

No Amendments for DPS.