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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Lopez **ORIGINAL DATE** 1/17/15
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Statewide Domestic Violence Programming **SB** 135

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16		
	\$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 135 appropriates \$4 million from the general fund to the Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD) to contract with a statewide entity that provides leadership, training, and support for programs assisting victims and survivors of domestic violence.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$4 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY16 shall revert to the general fund.

Currently, CYFD operating budget contains \$10,002.9 million from the general fund, \$667.0 thousand from other state funds, and \$79.4 thousand from other transfers, in the contractual services category for domestic violence services. This appropriation represents a 37 percent increase for domestic violence services. This appropriation is not contained in the agency budget request or the Executive or LFC recommendations.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The bill provides for additional funding to support enhancing service delivery through training and leadership for statewide domestic violence service providers. Training is a vital resource for those programs, ensuring they receive current information and practical tools regarding best practices and organizational functioning. Currently, CYFD contracted domestic violence service providers are required to obtain an initial 40 hours of domestic violence training and 20 hours annually thereafter.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD has performance measures focusing on the safety of domestic violence victims which may be affected by this bill.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The agency reported any additional administrative duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill will be absorbed by existing staff.

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