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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Rodriguez ORIGINAL DATE 1/29/19
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Statewide Domestic Violence Services SB 213
ANALYST Klundt

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
	\$3,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 2, HB 62, HB 52

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Senate Bill 213 appropriates \$3 million from the general fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) for domestic violence services.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$3 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY20 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The FY19 operating budget for CYFD includes \$11.3 million for domestic violence (DV) services and \$450 thousand for Domestic Violence Offender Treatment (DVOTI), providing services to survivor, child, and offender services, as well as training, capacity building, and system engagement. Both the executive and the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) FY20 budget recommendations include an additional \$500 thousand from the general fund for increased domestic violence services.

SB 213 provides an additional \$2 million above the FY19 operating budget for services related to domestic violence. DV providers currently are billing for services using a fee for service model. The fee for service rates have not been increased since 2008 for DV services by CYFD. CYFD believes re-allocation of current funding from a fee for service model to quality based services model could address some of the current funding issues, as well as reallocation of funding from programs that do not spend all of their contracted annual funding to those that need additional resources to better meet the need of the community.

The Crime Victim Reparation Commission (CVRC) also allocates federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and Violence against Women Act (VAWA) funding to DV programs statewide, however CVRC funding cannot be used toward offender services.

CYFD reported the DVOTI fund is collected by the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) through court fines and fees and has seen a decrease in collections in the past 5 years. Due to the decrease in revenue from those revenues, CYFD has had to decrease the allocation in funding to providers in order to appropriately reflect the revenue generated.

RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 62 appropriates \$2 million from the general fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) for domestic violence service. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY20 shall revert to the general fund.

House Bill 52 expands the definition of domestic abuse in the Family Violence Protection Act (“FVPA”) to include the act or threat by a household member of intentionally or maliciously injuring or maliciously killing a companion animal.

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