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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 368** HLS 15RS 1129

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Family Justice Centers		

FAMILY VIOLENCE

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To establish family justice centers to assist victims of certain offenses

Proposed law authorizes the establishment of a family justice center in any judicial district to provide multiagency and multidisciplinary support and services to victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, stalking, cyberstalking, cyberbullying, and human trafficking and to persons protected by the Adult Protective Services Act. Proposed law allows a family justice center to be staffed with personnel from any public, private, or nonprofit entities. Proposed law prohibits any family justice center from denying services based on the victim's criminal history, requesting the criminal history without written consent unless pursuant to a criminal investigation, requiring a victim to participate in the criminal justice system or cooperate with law enforcement, or sign a consent form to share information. Proposed law provides for the limited sharing of confidential or privileged information among staff at family justice center. Proposed law provides that confidential or privileged information is not subject to Public Records Law. Proposed law provides that family justice center must have consent policy and maintain a formal training policy. Proposed law provides good faith immunity to staff at family justice center.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
<b>Annual Total</b>						

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

This proposed legislation authorizes, but does not require, any judicial district to establish a family justice center to provide support, services, and assistance to victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, stalking, cyberstalking, cyberbullying, and human trafficking and to persons protected by the Adult Protective Services Act. To the extent a judicial district establishes a family justice center, local expenditures are anticipated to increase significantly. The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) has received information from the LA District Attorneys Association that estimates opening and operating a family justice center may cost a judicial district between \$200,000 to \$500,000 annually. No additional breakout of costs was provided to the LFO to support the estimated range of impact. There are 42 judicial districts. Therefore, this measure may have a minimum expenditure exposure of \$200,000 for one judicial district to a maximum of \$21 M (\$500,000 x 42 judicial districts); however the LFO cannot determine how many, if any, judicial district will establish a family justice center.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| <u>Senate</u>   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}       |                            |              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S}                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} |                            |              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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