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The Committee on Future of Florida's Families recommends the following:

Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to domestic violence centers; amending s. 39.903, F.S.; removing a requirement that the Department of Children and Family Services approve or reject applications for funding received from domestic violence centers; providing for the provision of technical assistance and the distribution of funds for domestic violence centers by a statewide association whose primary purpose is to provide technical assistance to certified domestic violence centers; providing that such association shall implement, administer, and evaluate the services provided by the certified domestic violence centers; limiting the services and funding to certified domestic violence centers; amending s. 39.905, F.S.; providing that the Department of Children and Family Services shall approve, rather than develop, a funding distribution formula for state funds provided to certified domestic violence centers; providing requirements for contracts



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29 | between the statewide association and certified domestic
30 | violence centers; providing an effective date.

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32 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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34 | Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and subsection
35 | (7) of section 39.903, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

36 | 39.903 Duties and functions of the department with respect
37 | to domestic violence.--

38 | (1) The department shall:

39 | (c) Receive and approve or reject applications for
40 | certification of domestic violence centers, ~~and receive and~~
41 | ~~approve or reject applications for funding of domestic violence~~
42 | ~~centers. When approving funding for a newly certified domestic~~
43 | ~~violence center, the department shall make every effort to~~
44 | ~~minimize any adverse economic impact on existing certified~~
45 | ~~centers or services provided within the same district. In order~~
46 | ~~to minimize duplication of services, the department shall make~~
47 | ~~every effort to encourage subcontracting relationships with~~
48 | ~~existing centers within the district. If any of the required~~
49 | services are exempted from certification by the department under
50 | s. 39.905(1)(c), the center shall not receive funding for those
51 | services.

52 | (7) The department shall contract with a statewide
53 | association whose primary purpose is to represent and provide
54 | technical assistance to certified domestic violence centers.
55 | This association shall implement, administer, and evaluate all
56 | services provided by the certified domestic violence centers.



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57 | The association shall receive and approve or reject applications
 58 | for funding of certified domestic violence centers. When
 59 | approving funding for a newly certified domestic violence
 60 | center, the association shall make every effort to minimize any
 61 | adverse economic impact on existing certified domestic violence
 62 | centers or services provided within the same service area. In
 63 | order to minimize duplication of services, the association shall
 64 | make every effort to encourage subcontracting relationships with
 65 | existing certified domestic violence centers within the same
 66 | service area. In distributing funds allocated by the Legislature
 67 | for certified domestic violence centers, the association shall
 68 | use a formula approved by the department as specified in s.
 69 | ~~39.905(7)(a) receive 2 percent of the Domestic Violence Trust~~
 70 | ~~Fund for this purpose.~~

71 | Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 39.905, Florida
 72 | Statutes, is amended to read:

73 | 39.905 Domestic violence centers.--

74 | (7)(a) All funds collected and appropriated to the
 75 | domestic violence program for certified domestic violence
 76 | centers shall be distributed annually ~~by the department to each~~
 77 | ~~district~~ according to an allocation formula approved ~~determined~~
 78 | by the department. In developing the formula, the factors of
 79 | ~~department shall consider~~ population, a rural characteristics,
 80 | ~~and~~ geographical area ~~factor~~, and the incidence of domestic
 81 | violence shall be considered.

82 | (b) A contract between the statewide association a
 83 | ~~district~~ and a certified domestic violence center shall contain
 84 | provisions assuring the availability and geographic



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85 | accessibility of services throughout the district. For this
86 | purpose, a center may distribute funds through subcontracts or
87 | to center satellites, provided such arrangements and any
88 | subcontracts are approved by the statewide association ~~district~~.

89 | Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2004.