

By Senator Bennett

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to domestic violence centers;  
 3           amending ss. 39.903 and 39.905, F.S.; providing  
 4           for the statewide association under contract  
 5           with the Department of Children and Family  
 6           Services to provide technical assistance to  
 7           certified domestic violence centers; requiring  
 8           the association to administer and evaluate  
 9           services provided by those centers; providing  
 10          for the distribution of funds to certified  
 11          domestic violence centers according to a  
 12          formula approved by the department; providing  
 13          an effective date.

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 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 17           Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 39.903, Florida  
 18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19           39.903 Duties and functions of the department with  
 20 respect to domestic violence.--

21           (7) The department shall contract with a statewide  
 22 association whose primary purpose is to represent and provide  
 23 technical assistance to certified domestic violence centers.  
 24 This association shall administer and evaluate all services  
 25 provided by the certified domestic violence centers ~~receive 2~~  
 26 ~~percent of the Domestic Violence Trust Fund for this purpose.~~  
 27 In distributing funds allocated by the Legislature for  
 28 certified domestic violence centers, the association shall use  
 29 a formula approved by the department as specified in s.  
 30 39.905(7)(a).

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1           Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section  
2 39.905, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3           39.905 Domestic violence centers.--  
4           (7)(a) All funds collected and appropriated to the  
5 domestic violence program for certified domestic violence  
6 centers shall be distributed annually ~~by the department to~~  
7 ~~each district~~ according to an allocation formula approved  
8 ~~determined~~ by the department. In developing the formula, the  
9 factors of department shall consider population, the a rural  
10 characteristics and geographical area ~~factor~~, and the  
11 incidence of domestic violence shall be considered.

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

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires a statewide association to provide technical assistance to certified domestic violence centers under a contract with the Department of Children and Family Services. Requires the association to distribute funds to certified domestic violence centers according to a formula approved by the department.