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HB4099 AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

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Committee

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State Fiscal Impact

Cost	Indeterminate
Revenues	None

Local Fiscal Impact

Cost	None
Revenues	None

HB 4099 would amend the Social Welfare Act by requiring the Family Independence Agency (FIA) to provide training to each department employee required to perform field investigations or home visits. In addition, the legislation would require an employee performing a field investigation or home visit with documented risk leading to apprehension regarding safety, to complete the investigation or visit with another trained department employee or law enforcement officer.

Due to the fact that current FIA policy requires workers to conduct investigations or visits with a co-worker, law enforcement officer or community service provider when documentation indicates a potential threat to worker safety, it appears that this legislative addition would have no fiscal impact. In addition, section 413 of 2000 PA 294, the FIA budget for FY 2000-01, currently requires FIA to develop written policy regarding mandatory training on defusing threatening behavior and regarding circumstances when a nonemployee may accompany a department employee conducting an investigation or home visit.

Although FIA currently provides training to identified workers, the training specifically required in HB 4099 could increase department costs. The potential increase is indeterminate, but should not be significant and will depend on the training adjustments needed.