

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW TEAMS



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SUMMARY

SB 719 as passed by the Senate allows the State, a county, or multiple counties to establish interagency domestic violence fatality review teams. Established teams would review fatal and near-fatal domestic violence incidents to learn how to prevent domestic violence homicides and suicides.

If the State or a county should decide not to establish a review team, the legislation would have no fiscal impact. However, if they choose to establish teams, the fiscal impact would depend on the team structure, activities, and the number and type of incidents to be reviewed. Expenditures would include at a minimum administrative functions of the team. State costs could increase if the State should decide to convene a team through the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board to develop protocols, forms, training, and reports. The Family Independence Agency currently has a \$500,000 contract with an agency to provide somewhat similar services for the Michigan Child Death Review Program. However, the relative caseload and activities of a State domestic violence fatality review team could be quite different than the Michigan Child Death Review Program required in statute due to the permissive nature of the proposed legislation.