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Fiscal Note

SF 59 - Child Protection Assistance Teams (LSB 1531 SS)

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Description

Senate File 59 requires the establishment of county child protection assistance teams in all 99 counties for the review of child abuse reports, child abuse investigations, and to ensure the timely prosecution of child abuse. The county attorney in each county is required to appoint a child protection assistance team and is permitted to have a single team cover a multi-county area if determined by multiple county attorneys. The teams are required to include the county attorney, law enforcement personnel, community-based advocacy organizations, and personnel of the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Assumptions

1. County attorneys in counties not already utilizing entities similar to the required child protection assistance teams (referred to in current Code as a multidisciplinary team involving the county attorney, law enforcement personnel, community-based child advocacy organizations, and personnel of the DHS) would be required to establish the team.
2. The DHS is required to establish protocols developed with each local child protection assistance team to prioritize the actions taken in response to child abuse reports. Sufficient information is not available to determine whether similar protocols would be used in multiple counties or the number of times protocols would be amended.

Fiscal Impact

Senate File 59 is not expected to have any fiscal impact to the Department of Human Services.

Senate File 59 is expected to have an impact to county government, especially for the 53 county attorneys that serve on a part-time basis. However, due to insufficient information, the fiscal impact on county governments cannot be determined.

Sources

Department of Human Services
Iowa County Attorneys Association

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.
