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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7207
BILL NUMBER: SB 254

DATE PREPARED: Dec 28, 1998
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Exemptions for Victims of Domestic Violence.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that an individual who is granted an exemption may be excused from specific provisions of the Personal Responsibility Agreement that the individual must comply with in order to receive benefits under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program. The bill provides that certain individuals may receive an exemption from certain requirements under the TANF program if the individual: (1) complies with the Personal Responsibility Agreement; and (2) is a victim of domestic violence. It also provides the manner by which an individual may apply for an exemption. This bill also provides that the Director of the Division of Family and Children makes the final determination regarding whether to grant an exemption and the length and extent of an exemption. An exemption may last only one year but may be renewed.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill provides that an individual who is a victim of domestic violence or a parent or essential person of an individual who is a victim of domestic violence may apply to the Division of Family and Children for an exemption from certain requirements the individual would otherwise have to perform in order to collect public assistance under the TANF program. This could increase the number of individuals eligible for exemptions from work requirements. The increase in public assistance expenditures from this provision will depend, to a large extent, on administrative decisions to grant the exemptions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: See Explanation of State Expenditures, above.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration

Local Agencies Affected: Counties

Information Sources: