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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6531**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1431

**NOTE PREPARED:** Apr 30, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 9, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Domestic Violence Fatality Investigations.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Lawson L

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Clark

**BILL STATUS:** Enrolled

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill allows a county or group of counties to establish a Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team to investigate a homicide or suicide that may have resulted from domestic violence.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) A Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team would be composed of not more than 15 members ranging from a survivor of domestic violence to the county prosecuting attorney or designate. A chairperson would be elected annually.

Any additional costs associated with this bill would depend on whether a county's legislative body adopts an ordinance establishing a Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team. It is not likely that establishing a Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team would require additional expenditures for a county besides travel and staff time.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Prosecuting attorney, trial court judge, county councils.

**Information Sources:**

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