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Honorable Beth Camp  
Chairwoman, House Judiciary Juvenile  
218-D State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note  
House Bill 1283 (LC 39 4923)

Dear Chairwoman Camp:

The bill would allow any district attorney, county or municipality, or non-profit organization(s) in partnership with a county or municipality to establish a Family Justice Center to provide coordinated services to victims of family violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, human trafficking, and other associated crimes. A board would oversee the operations of a Family Justice Center. All centers would be required to submit an annual performance report to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) detailing the program and financial activity, and CJCC would be responsible for creating an annual statewide report. Finally, the bill authorizes CJCC to administer grants of funds appropriated by the General Assembly or received from federal sources for the establishment and support of Family Justice Centers.

To manage agency responsibilities related to new Family Justice Centers, CJCC would need a coordinator position at a cost of \$121,920 (salary and benefits). The position would be responsible for creating any necessary guidance and training, obtaining reports, creating the statewide report, and assisting with grant administration (if provided).

We are unable to estimate the amount of grant funding that might be needed for existing or new Family Justice Centers. In 2020, CJCC awarded \$100,000 in federal funds annually to three Family Justice Centers for up to four years; however, CJCC officials noted that the cost of coordinating services may vary in different jurisdictions. A similar program in Tennessee supports over a dozen centers.

Respectfully,

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