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Do Pass _____
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Senate Committee on Judiciary

This measure may be considered for action during today's work session.

SENATE BILL 177

Revises provisions relating to the Account for Aid for Victims of Domestic Violence. (BDR 16-926)

Sponsored By: Senators Ratti, Cannizzaro, and Scheible
Date Heard: March 16, 2021
Fiscal Notes: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

Senate Bill 177 revises the eligibility of nonprofit organizations that provide services for victims of domestic violence to receive grants from the Account for Aid for Victims of Domestic Violence and renames the Account as the Account for Aid for Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence. The bill requires that an organization must provide services exclusively to victims of domestic violence in a county with a population of 100,000 or more, but need only provide services primarily to victims of domestic violence in a county with a population of less than 100,000. The bill also excludes nonprofits that provide services exclusively to victims of domestic violence from the requirement that they be able to shelter victims on any day at any hour and be able to store and prepare food in order to receive grants.

The administrator of the Division of Child and Family Services must allocate 75 percent of the money allocated to a county under this program for services for victims of domestic violence and 25 percent to services for victims of sexual violence. The number of grants that may be awarded in counties with populations of either less than or more than 100,000 is limited, and the bill eliminates the requirement that 15 percent of all money allocated from the Account to a county whose population is 700,000 or more must go to an organization specifically created to assist victims of sexual assault.

The portion of the fee that is collected by a county clerk when issuing a marriage license that is used to fund the Account is raised from \$25 to \$50.

Amendments: None.