



2004 Legislative Summary

State Funding

Funding increased by \$2 million in the recurring budget for a total of \$4,682,500 for domestic violence programs funded through the Council for Women / Domestic Violence Commission grants.

TANF Funding

Funding maintained at \$1.2 million for domestic violence services provided to WorkFirst participants.

Strengthen Domestic Violence Laws (HB 1354)

NCCADV supported legislation proposed by the House Select Committee on Domestic Violence that resulted in a comprehensive bill including the following provisions (not a complete list):

- Making non-fatal strangulation a new felony crime
- Enhancing the safety of children by revising the custody provisions in Chapter 50B and Chapter 50
- Protecting victims from employment discrimination when seeking a protective order
- Requiring domestic violence training for law enforcement, judges, and other court personnel
- Providing warrantless arrest authority to law enforcement for violations of pre-trial release conditions
- Funding for legal services to provide legal representation for victims of domestic violence in 50B cases and custody cases
- Increasing funding for domestic violence programs to provide crisis intervention services for victims and their children (see above)
- Requiring treatment for perpetrators placed on probation
- Tracking of domestic violence cases in court
- Conforming state law with federal law so that all felons are prohibited from possessing firearms

Workplace Violence Protective Order (SB 916)

NCCADV supported legislation proposed by the Attorney General's office that allows an employer to obtain a protective order on behalf of an employee who has suffered unlawful conduct at the workplace from any individual.

Effective December 1, 2004

Civil No-Contact Order (HB 951)

NCCADV supported legislation proposed by NCCASA to create a civil no-contact order for victims of sexual assault and stalking who do not have the required relationship in 50B.

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