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## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2023 Senate Bill 877**

**Senate Substitute  
Amendment 1**

### 2023 SENATE BILL 877

Under current law, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) is required to provide grants to nonprofit organizations to provide domestic abuse services, such as shelter facilities and advocacy counseling for victims. The Department of Justice (DOJ) is required to provide grants to organizations to provide services to sexual assault victims, such as advocacy and counseling, and to statutorily designated child advocacy centers for education, training, medical advice, and quality assurance activities.

Senate Bill 877 increases the appropriation to DCF for domestic abuse grants by \$7 million for fiscal year 2023-24 and by \$18 million for fiscal year 2024-25, increases the appropriation to DOJ for sexual assault victim services grants by \$7 million for fiscal year 2023-24 and by \$18 million for fiscal year 2024-25, and increases the appropriation to DOJ for grants to child advocacy centers by \$1.995 million for fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

In addition, the bill requires DOJ to provide an annual grant to a nonstate entity to provide ongoing training and technical assistance on a statewide level to sexual assault victim services grant recipients. It also increases the award for each statutorily designated child advocacy center from \$17,000 to \$150,000 annually, updates the names of several centers that are designated to receive funds, and allows grants to be used to enhance the multidisciplinary response to suspected child maltreatment.

### SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 replaces the provisions in the bill and instead appropriates \$10 million to DOJ as a biennial appropriation. Of this appropriation, DOJ must allocate \$6.4 million over the biennium to provide sexual assault victim services grants, \$2.4 million to provide domestic abuse grants, and \$1.2 million to provide child advocacy grants.

### BILL HISTORY

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 was introduced on February 23, 2024. On February 28, 2024, the Senate Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families voted to recommend adoption of the substitute amendment by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0; and passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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