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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1310

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 4, 2026

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Domestic Violence Investigations.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bauer

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a law enforcement officer to administer a lethality assessment for domestic violence incidents. It also provides that a law enforcement officer responding to the scene of an alleged crime involving domestic or family violence shall use all reasonable means to prevent further violence, including administering a lethality assessment.

The bill requires data to be transmitted to a local domestic violence fatality review team and the statewide domestic violence fatality review committee. It also provides that the statewide domestic violence fatality review committee shall collect and analyze data concerning domestic violence lethality assessments.

The bill provides that all statements communicated in a lethality assessment are not admissible as evidence against the victim in any judicial proceeding and not discoverable in any litigation. It makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Conducting and Reporting Lethality Assessments:* See *Explanation of Local Expenditures*.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Conducting and Reporting Lethality Assessments:* This bill specifies requirements when a law enforcement officer responds to a domestic violence situation, including completing a lethality assessment which is available for free on the internet. Officers must submit assessments to their agency, which must then submit them to local and state domestic violence fatality review boards. These requirements constitute a workload increase on local officers and agencies and is likely to extend the amount of time spent on scene for each domestic violence call. It may also lead to officers taking additional actions beyond administering the assessment. Depending on the workload and manning of each agency, this may increase the need for overtime, but most agencies will be able to meet the requirement within existing resources.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State law enforcement agencies.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: <https://dvrisc.org/>

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