



# 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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