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HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE - HSC

DIVISION 2. LICENSING PROVISIONS [1200 - 1796.70] (*Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1939, Ch. 60.*)

CHAPTER 3.7. Local Rape Victim Counseling Centers [1598 - 1598.5] (*Chapter 3.7 added by Stats. 1978, Ch. 1312.*)

1598. It is the intent of the Legislature in the enactment of this chapter to establish a grant program administered by the State Department of Social Services to provide support to existing local rape victim counseling centers and to encourage the establishment of such local centers.

(*Added by Stats. 1978, Ch. 1312.*)

1598.1. The State Department of Social Services shall provide grants to proposed and existing local rape victim counseling centers. Such centers shall maintain a 24-hour telephone counseling service for rape victims, appropriate in-person counseling and referred service during normal business hours, and maintain other standards or services which shall be determined to be appropriate by the advisory committee established pursuant to Section 13836 of the Penal Code as grant conditions. The advisory committee shall identify the criteria to be utilized in awarding the grants provided by this chapter before any funds are allocated.

In order to be eligible for funding pursuant to this chapter, the centers shall demonstrate an ability to receive and make use of any funds available from governmental, voluntary, philanthropic, or other sources which may be used to augment any state funds appropriated for purposes of this chapter. Each center receiving funds pursuant to this chapter shall make every attempt to qualify for any available federal funding.

State funds provided to establish centers shall be utilized when possible, as determined by the advisory committee, to expand the program and shall not be expended to reduce fiscal support from other public or private sources. The centers shall maintain quarterly and final fiscal reports in a form to be prescribed by the advisory committee. In granting funds, the advisory committee shall give priority to centers which are operated in close proximity to medical treatment facilities.

(*Amended by Stats. 1980, Ch. 917.*)

1598.5. The sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the State Department of Social Services for expenditure during the 1978–79 fiscal year. Only 5 percent of such funds shall be used for the state administration of the grant program. After the 1978–79 fiscal year, the grant program provided pursuant to Section 1598.1 shall be funded through the regular budgetary process. The funds shall be administered through the Violent Crime Victim Assistance Commission, if created.

(*Added by Stats. 1978, Ch. 1312.*)