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Brief Description: Creating domestic violence fatality review panels.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Provides that, subject to the availability of state funds, the department shall contract with an entity with expertise in domestic violence policy and education and with a state-wide perspective to coordinate review of domestic violence fatalities. The coordinating entity shall be authorized to: (1) Convene regional review panels;

(2) gather information for use of regional review panels;

(3) provide training and technical assistance to regional review panels;

(4) compile information and issue annual reports with recommendations; and

(5) establish a protocol that may be used as a guideline for identifying domestic violence related fatalities, forming review panels, convening reviews, and selecting which cases to review. The coordinating entity may also establish protocols for data collection and preservation of confidentiality.