

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25248

The purpose of this legislation is to codify standards for sexual assault victims' access to medical examinations, as well as standards for sexual assault evidence retention and preservation. It ensures victims of sexual assault are not denied medical examinations regardless of the ability to pay for said examination. Additionally, this legislation defines evidence preservation periods based on the classification of the crimes alleged and ensures proper notification to victims upon destruction.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact on the General Fund, because local law enforcement agencies are the entities that are tasked with storing evidence. The local agencies will likely incur little to no fiscal impact depending on their existing storage accommodations.

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