

**Senate File 343 - Introduced**

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(COMPANION TO HF 372 BY LOHSE)

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act establishing a grant program for a nonprofit organization
- 2 providing sexual assault forensic examination centers.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **915.47 Sexual assault forensic**  
2 **examination center grant program.**

3 1. The terms defined in section 915.46 shall have the same  
4 meaning when used in this section.

5 2. A sexual assault forensic examination center grant program  
6 is established in the department of justice. The attorney  
7 general shall contract with an eligible nonprofit organization to  
8 operate and maintain sexual assault forensic examination centers  
9 in this state. The contract may be terminated by the attorney  
10 general after a hearing upon written notice and for good cause.

11 3. A nonprofit organization must comply with all of the  
12 following to be eligible for a contract under this section:

13 a. Be a nonprofit organization incorporated in this state  
14 pursuant to chapter 504.

15 b. Employ or otherwise retain services from sexual assault  
16 nurse examiners.

17 c. Maintain, or be in the process of establishing, one or  
18 more treatment facilities in this state that are primarily  
19 dedicated to providing a diverse range of services to sexual  
20 assault survivors, including but not limited to medical forensic  
21 services.

22 d. Provide services for sexual assault survivors, including  
23 providing sexual assault care and related trainings, as the  
24 overall primary purpose of the organization.

25 4. The contracting nonprofit organization shall do all of the  
26 following:

27 a. Provide services, including medical forensic services, to  
28 sexual assault survivors including adults, children, persons with  
29 disabilities, rural Iowans, and other underserved populations.

30 b. Provide or facilitate trainings to medical practitioners  
31 regarding the provision of medical forensic services to sexual  
32 assault survivors.

33 c. Provide or facilitate trainings to law enforcement  
34 officers and prosecuting attorneys regarding sexual assault  
35 services.

1 d. Provide or facilitate trainings to members of the public  
2 regarding sexual assault services and sexual assault prevention.

3 e. Provide a cooperative team approach regarding sexual  
4 assault services, deliver holistic accessible services to sexual  
5 assault survivors, and establish an approach that emphasizes the  
6 best interests of the sexual assault survivor and that provides  
7 investigation, assessment, and rehabilitative services.

8 f. Involve or consult with persons from various professional  
9 disciplines who have training and expertise in addressing special  
10 types of sexual assault as necessary to address serious cases  
11 of sexual assault such as those involving intimate partner  
12 violence, dating violence, domestic violence, incest, human  
13 trafficking, and drug-facilitated sexual assault. These persons  
14 may include but are not limited to physicians and other health  
15 care professionals, law enforcement, mental health professionals,  
16 social workers, child protection workers, attorneys, juvenile  
17 court officers, public health workers, educators, and advocates.

18 g. Submit an annual report to the attorney general describing  
19 the services and trainings that have been provided.

20 5. The requirements in subsection 4 are not intended  
21 to restrict or otherwise limit the contracting nonprofit  
22 organization from seeking funding or reimbursement from other  
23 sources including but not limited to charging for attendance  
24 at trainings. The contract shall provide general funding as  
25 reimbursement toward the contracting nonprofit organization's  
26 overall operating expenditures.

27 6. The contracting nonprofit organization is not a state  
28 agency for the purposes of chapter 8A, subchapter IV, or chapter  
29 20 or 669.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill establishes a grant program in the department of  
34 justice for a nonprofit organization providing sexual assault  
35 forensic examination centers.

1 The bill requires that the attorney general contract with an  
2 eligible nonprofit organization to operate and maintain sexual  
3 assault forensic examination centers in the state. The contract  
4 may be terminated by the attorney general after a hearing upon  
5 written notice and for good cause.

6 The bill provides that a nonprofit organization must comply  
7 with all of the following to be eligible for a contract under  
8 this section: be a nonprofit organization incorporated in  
9 the state; employ or otherwise retain services from sexual  
10 assault nurse examiners; and maintain, or be in the process of  
11 establishing, one or more treatment facilities in the state that  
12 are primarily dedicated to providing a diverse range of services  
13 to sexual assault survivors, including but not limited to medical  
14 forensic services; provide services for sexual assault survivors,  
15 including providing sexual assault care and related trainings, as  
16 the overall primary purpose of the organization.

17 The bill provides that a contracting nonprofit organization  
18 shall: provide services, including medical forensic services, to  
19 sexual assault survivors including adults, children, persons with  
20 disabilities, rural Iowans, and other underserved populations;  
21 provide or facilitate trainings to medical practitioners  
22 regarding the provision of medical forensic services; provide  
23 or facilitate trainings to law enforcement officers and  
24 prosecuting attorneys regarding sexual assault services; provide  
25 or facilitate trainings to members of the public regarding  
26 sexual assault services and sexual assault prevention; provide a  
27 cooperative team approach regarding sexual assault services and  
28 establish an approach that emphasizes the best interests of the  
29 sexual assault survivor; involve or consult with persons from  
30 various professional disciplines who have training and expertise  
31 in addressing special types of sexual assault; and submit an  
32 annual report to the attorney general describing the services and  
33 trainings that have been provided.

34 The bill provides that a contracting nonprofit organization  
35 may seek funding or reimbursement from other sources including

1 but not limited to charging for attendance at trainings.  
2 The contract shall provide general funding as reimbursement  
3 toward the contracting nonprofit organization's overall operating  
4 expenditures.  
5 The bill provides that a contracting nonprofit organization  
6 is not a state agency for the purposes of Code chapter 8A,  
7 subchapter IV, or Code chapter 20 or 669.

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