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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 705)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a grant program for a nonprofit
2 organization providing sexual assault forensic examination
3 centers.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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

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

14 a. Be a nonprofit organization incorporated in this state
15 pursuant to chapter 504 that is not owned, controlled, or
16 affiliated with any hospital, health system, or inpatient
17 medical facility.

18 b. Employ or otherwise retain services from sexual assault
19 nurse examiners.

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

25 d. Provide services for sexual assault survivors, including
26 providing sexual assault care and related trainings, as the
27 overall primary purpose of the organization.

28 4. The contracting nonprofit organization shall do all of
29 the following:

30 a. Provide services, including medical forensic services,
31 to sexual assault survivors including adults, persons with
32 disabilities, rural Iowans, and other underserved populations.

33 b. Offer or facilitate trainings to law enforcement
34 officers, prosecuting attorneys, health care professionals, and
35 members of the public regarding sexual assault services and

1 sexual assault prevention.

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

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

18 *e.* Submit an annual report to the attorney general and the
19 general assembly no later than January 15 of each calendar
20 year describing, in aggregated and anonymized form, the types
21 of services offered, total number of unduplicated clients
22 served, demographic breakdown of clients served including age,
23 gender, and county of residence, number of individuals by
24 county trained, referrals made to other agencies or services,
25 description of service gaps identified during the reporting
26 period, and barriers to service access identified.

27 5. The requirements in subsection 4 are not intended
28 to restrict or otherwise limit the contracting nonprofit
29 organization from seeking funding or reimbursement from other
30 sources.

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EXPLANATION

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

34 This bill establishes a grant program in the department of
35 justice for a nonprofit organization providing sexual assault

1 forensic examination centers.

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

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

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

35 The bill provides that a contracting nonprofit organization

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