

Senate Study Bill 3197 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY
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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 c. Provide a cooperative team approach regarding sexual

1 assault services, deliver accessible services to sexual assault
2 survivors, and establish an approach that emphasizes the best
3 interests of the sexual assault survivor and that provides
4 investigation, assessment, and rehabilitative services.

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

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

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

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EXPLANATION

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

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

35 The bill requires, contingent upon funding, the attorney

1 general to contract with an eligible nonprofit organization
2 to operate and maintain sexual assault forensic examination
3 centers in the state.

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

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

31 The bill provides that a contracting nonprofit organization
32 may seek funding or reimbursement from other sources.