

Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Center Grant Program Bill House File 2794

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**An Act establishing a Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Center Grant Program
and Trust Fund.**

**Fiscal Services Division
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NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)

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NEW PROGRAMS, SERVICES, OR ACTIVITIES

Establishes a grant program in the Department of Justice for a nonprofit organization providing sexual assault forensic examination centers. Requires that the Attorney General (AG) contract with an eligible nonprofit organization to operate and maintain sexual assault forensic examination centers in the State. The grant program is contingent upon funding.

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FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact is unknown. The AG's Office estimates the total fiscal impact to be approximately \$1.5 million to establish the first center and \$5.0 to \$6.0 million to establish multiple centers. These costs would include both one-time costs and ongoing costs. The AG's Office anticipates needing additional full-time equivalent (FTE) positions including 2.0 to 4.0 FTE positions for nurses at a cost of approximately \$90,000 to \$100,000 each and a minimum of 4.0 FTE positions for support staff at a cost of approximately \$50,000 each.

Establishes requirements a nonprofit organization must comply with to be eligible for a contract.

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Provides requirements for a contracting nonprofit organization.

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FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

Creates a Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Center Grant Program Trust Fund in the State Treasury under the control of the AG's Office. The AG's Office may accept gifts, grants, bequests, and other private contributions, as well as State or federal moneys, for deposit into the Trust Fund. All moneys deposited into the Trust Fund are appropriated and made available to the AG's Office to be used for the purposes meeting the requirements of this Section and to provide grants to sexual assault forensic examination centers in this State. Interest or earnings on moneys in the Fund shall be credited to the Fund.

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STUDIES AND INTENT

Required Reports

Requires the contracting nonprofit to submit an annual report to the AG and the General Assembly no later than January 15 of each calendar year describing the types of services offered and trainings that have been provided including the total number of unduplicated clients served, demographic breakdown of clients served including age, gender, and county of residence, number of individuals by county trained, referrals

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINATION CENTER GRANT PROGRAM BILL

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made to other agencies or services, description of service gaps identified during the reporting period, and barriers to service access identified.

1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION 915.47 SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC
1 2 EXAMINATION CENTER GRANT PROGRAM — FUND.

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

CODE: Establishes that the definitions under Iowa Code section [915.46](#) apply to this section.

1 5 2. A sexual assault forensic examination center grant
1 6 program is established in the department of justice.
1 7 Contingent upon funding, the attorney general shall contract
1 8 with an eligible nonprofit organization to operate and maintain
1 9 sexual assault forensic examination centers in this state.

CODE: Establishes a grant program in the Department of Justice for a nonprofit organization providing sexual assault forensic examination centers. Requires the Attorney General (AG) to contract with an eligible nonprofit organization to operate and maintain sexual assault forensic examination centers in the State if funds are provided.

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact is unknown. The AG's Office estimates the total fiscal impact to be approximately \$1,500,000 to establish the first center and \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 to establish multiple centers. These costs would include both one-time costs and ongoing costs. The AG's Office anticipates needing additional full-time equivalent (FTE) positions including 2.00 to 4.00 FTE positions for nurses at a cost of approximately \$90,000 to \$100,000 each and a minimum of 4.00 FTE positions for support staff at a cost of approximately \$50,000 each.

1 10 3. A nonprofit organization must comply with all of the
1 11 following to be eligible for a contract under this section:
1 12 a. Be a nonprofit organization incorporated in this state
1 13 pursuant to chapter 504 that is not owned, controlled, or
1 14 affiliated with any hospital, health system, or inpatient
1 15 medical facility.
1 16 b. Employ or otherwise retain services from sexual assault
1 17 nurse examiners.
1 18 c. Maintain, or be in the process of establishing, one or
1 19 more treatment facilities in this state that are primarily
1 20 dedicated to providing a diverse range of services to sexual
1 21 assault survivors, including but not limited to medical
1 22 forensic services.
1 23 d. Provide services for sexual assault survivors, including
1 24 providing sexual assault care and related trainings, as the
1 25 overall primary purpose of the organization.

CODE: Provides that a nonprofit organization must comply with all of the following to be eligible for a contract under this section:

- Be a nonprofit organization incorporated in the State not affiliated with any medical facility;
- Employ or otherwise retain services from sexual assault nurse examiners;
- Maintain, or be in the process of establishing, one or more treatment facilities in the State that are primarily dedicated to providing a diverse range of services to sexual assault survivors, including but not limited to medical forensic services;

1 26 4. The contracting nonprofit organization shall do all of
 1 27 the following:
 1 28 a. Provide services, including medical forensic services,
 1 29 to sexual assault survivors including adults, persons with
 1 30 disabilities, rural lowans, and other underserved populations.
 1 31 b. Offer or facilitate trainings to law enforcement
 1 32 officers, prosecuting attorneys, health care professionals, and
 1 33 members of the public regarding sexual assault services and
 1 34 sexual assault prevention.
 1 35 c. Provide a cooperative team approach regarding sexual
 2 1 assault services, deliver accessible services to sexual assault
 2 2 survivors, and establish an approach that emphasizes the best
 2 3 interests of the sexual assault survivor and that provides
 2 4 investigation, assessment, and rehabilitative services.
 2 5 d. Involve or consult with persons from various professional
 2 6 disciplines who have training and expertise in addressing
 2 7 special types of sexual assault as necessary to address serious
 2 8 cases of sexual assault such as those involving intimate
 2 9 partner violence, dating violence, domestic violence, incest,
 2 10 human trafficking, and drug-facilitated sexual assault. These
 2 11 persons may include but are not limited to physicians and other
 2 12 health care professionals, law enforcement, mental health
 2 13 professionals, social workers, child protection workers,
 2 14 attorneys, juvenile court officers, public health workers,
 2 15 educators, and advocates.
 2 16 e. Submit an annual report to the attorney general and the
 2 17 general assembly no later than January 15 of each calendar
 2 18 year describing, in aggregated and anonymized form, the types
 2 19 of services offered, total number of unduplicated clients
 2 20 served, demographic breakdown of clients served including age,
 2 21 gender, and county of residence, number of individuals by
 2 22 county trained, referrals made to other agencies or services,
 2 23 description of service gaps identified during the reporting
 2 24 period, and barriers to service access identified.

2 25 5. The requirements in subsection 4 are not intended
 2 26 to restrict or otherwise limit the contracting nonprofit

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

CODE: Provides that a contracting nonprofit organization must do the following:

- Provide services, including medical forensic services, to sexual assault survivors including adults, persons with disabilities, rural lowans, and other underserved populations;
- Provide or facilitate trainings to law enforcement officers, prosecuting attorneys, health care professionals, and members of the public regarding sexual assault services and prevention;
- Provide a cooperative team approach regarding sexual assault services and establish an approach that emphasizes the best interests of the sexual assault survivor;
- Involve or consult with persons from various professional disciplines who have training and expertise in addressing special types of sexual assault;
- Submit an annual report to the AG and the General Assembly no later than January 15 of each calendar year describing the types of services offered and trainings that have been provided including the total number of unduplicated clients served, demographic breakdown of clients served including age, gender, and county of residence, number of individuals by county trained, referrals made to other agencies or services, description of service gaps identified during the reporting period, and barriers to service access identified.

CODE: Provides that the requirements in Subsection 4 of the Bill are not intended to restrict or limit the contracting

2 27 organization from seeking funding or reimbursement from other
2 28 sources.

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reimbursement from other sources.

2 29 6. A sexual assault forensic examination center grant
2 30 program trust fund is created in the state treasury under
2 31 the control of the department of justice. The department of
2 32 justice may accept gifts, grants, bequests, and other private
2 33 contributions, as well as state or federal moneys, for deposit
2 34 in the fund. All moneys deposited in the trust fund are
2 35 appropriated and made available to the department of justice
3 1 to be used for the purposes meeting the requirements of this
3 2 section and to provide grants to sexual assault forensic
3 3 examination centers in this state. Notwithstanding section
3 4 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund
3 5 shall be credited to the fund.

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Center Grant Program Trust Fund in the State Treasury
under the control of the AG's Office. The AG's Office may
accept gifts, grants, bequests, and other private
contributions, as well as State or federal moneys, for deposit
into the Trust Fund. All moneys deposited into the Trust
Fund are appropriated and made available to the AG's Office
to be used for the purposes meeting the requirements of this
Section and to provide grants to sexual assault forensic
examination centers in this State. Interest or earnings on
moneys in the Fund shall be credited to the Fund.