

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1342

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Shin

3. **Committee:** Appropriations

4. **Title:** Certain baccalaureate public institutions of higher education; on-campus student health centers.

5. **Summary:** Requires each baccalaureate public institution of higher education that has an on-campus student health center to staff such center with at least one on-campus certified sexual assault forensic examiner, as defined in relevant law, for the purpose of administering a physical evidence recovery kit, as defined in relevant law, to any student who is in need of such a kit.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** As introduced, this bill requires each baccalaureate public institution of higher education that has an on-campus student health center to staff such center with at least one on-campus certified sexual assault forensic examiner. Responding public institutions of higher education provided preliminary estimates of additional costs ranging from \$20,000 to \$175,000 per year to support the requirements of this bill as introduced. Institutions that are able to certify existing staff anticipate costs to support certification, training, and any salary differential for the certified sexual assault forensic examiner. Institutions that need to hire new staff to meet this requirement anticipate additional costs to support salary, benefits, and support costs of the position. Institutions note that sexual assault forensic examiners are a specialized industry, and salaries range by region of the state.

Amendments adopted in the House substitute for this bill require each baccalaureate public institution of higher education, regardless of whether or not the institution has an on-campus student health center, to either 1) staff such center with at least one on-campus certified sexual assault forensic examiner, or 2) enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with a local organization or entity that is capable of providing the services of a certified sexual assault forensic examiner. At this time, the fiscal impact to institutions to establish and maintain such an MOU is indeterminate.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Public institutions of higher education

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None