



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 414

PRINTER'S NO. 361

PRIME SPONSOR: Vogel

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 414, Printer's Number 361 requires hospitals to establish a SANE program which is a program that uses a sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) for forensic medical examination in addition to other sexual assault emergency services required by law.

ANALYSIS:

Within 180 days from the effective date of this legislation, the Department of Health will publish to its website a comprehensive list of hospitals that provide SANE care. The list will include each hospital's name, address, county, and the hospital's internet website information. Hospitals must notify the department within 7 days of any changes to their SANE capabilities, and the department must update its website within 7 days of that notification.

The department will develop a feature on this page of its website that simultaneously deletes the user's internet browsing history and redirects the user to the web browser's home page. This feature will be a button affixed to the top-right corner of the web browser and will be added to each page of the department's website that pertains to information or services for sexual assault or domestic violence survivors.

The department will make grant funding available if sufficient funds have been appropriated for the purpose of establishing and supporting the infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of sexual assault nurse examiner services.

This legislation will take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There may be a nominal increase in operating costs to the department as a result of the requirement to publish a comprehensive list of hospitals that provide SANE care and ensure the website is updated when hospitals notify it of a change. Additionally, the department may have increased costs due to the requirement for it to develop and add to the website a feature that will simultaneously delete the user's internet browsing history and redirect the user to the web browser's home page. However, it is likely that any nominal increase in costs resulting from this legislation can be covered by the department's current appropriations.

Additionally, this legislation allows the department to provide grant funds which will facilitate the delivery of sexual assault nurse examiner services. The department may provide grant funds if sufficient funds have been appropriated. The department estimates an increase in costs of \$827,000 to initially setup this grant program and an increase of \$207,000 for each year thereafter. This increase includes the cost of 2 new positions that are needed to manage the grant program on an ongoing basis. Until the time that the General Assembly appropriates funds for this purpose, the fiscal impact to the commonwealth is not able to be determined.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.