

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1172

PRINTER NO. 1549

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

March 30, 2022

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Vogel

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 1172 creates the Sexual Assault Emergency Services Act which authorizes the establishment of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) programs by hospitals, mandates the creation of a comprehensive list of such programs and authorizes a grant program to establish and support SANE services.

The bill provides that in addition to the services required under 28 Pa. Code Section 117.52, a hospital may establish a SANE program.

The bill requires the Department of Health (department), within 180 days after the effective date, to publish a comprehensive list of each hospital that provides SANE care and to post that list on the department’s website. The list must be updated annually and must provide the location and phone number for each listed hospital as well as the location of the hospital’s publicly accessible website. The hospital must notify the department of any changes to the hospital’s SANE capabilities within seven days of the change, and the department must update its website accordingly within seven days.

The department is required to develop a feature that deletes the user’s browsing history and redirects the user to the web browser’s home page.

The department must make grant funding available if sufficient funds have been appropriated for the purpose of establishing and supporting infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of SANE services.

This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 1172 will have a no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth. The Department of Health can develop and publish on the department’s website a list of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner programs utilizing existing staffing and budget levels.

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In addition, there is a provision in the bill to provide grants to establish and support SANE services. The amount of funding for the program will be dependent on appropriations made by the General Assembly.