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4. Title: Trauma-informed sexual assault investigative training

5. Summary:

The proposed legislation would require the Department of Criminal Justice Services to develop a curriculum and provide multidisciplinary training on trauma-informed sexual assault investigation. The training would be for law-enforcement personnel, campus police department personnel, attorneys for the Commonwealth, Title IX coordinators and investigators, victim advocates, forensic nurses, and related investigatory personnel.

- 6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.
- 7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications:

The proposed legislation would require DCJS to provide a curriculum and training for trauma-informed sexual assault investigations. There is a cost to developing and providing training. A curriculum must be purchased or developed by in-house staff. The actual costs of providing the training will vary, according to the specific training being offered.

The agency has staff and funding to develop and deliver training currently. Also, some of the costs of training sessions can be offset with fees charged the attendees. Finally, the Governor's introduced budget bill includes additional funding to develop on-line training. With these resources, DCJS is able to provide some training in addition to what it is offering now.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Criminal Justice Services
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.
- 11. Other Comments: None.

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