

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB949-ER

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Lucas

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund; unreimbursed medical costs; victims of sexual assault.

5. Summary: Adds to those persons invited to participate in the annual meeting of the group led by the attorney for the Commonwealth to coordinate the multidisciplinary response to criminal sexual assault in each political subdivision (i) local health department district directors; (ii) the administrator of each licensed hospital within the jurisdiction; (iii) the director of each health safety net clinic within the jurisdiction; and (iv) any other local health care providers, or their designees, and authorizes attorneys for the Commonwealth to conduct the sexual assault response team annual meetings using other methods, such as electronic communication means, to encourage attendance. The bill also directs the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to establish a work group to evaluate the feasibility of moving responsibility for the Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) Payment program from the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission to the Department of Medical Assistance Services and to provide recommendations related to (i) the feasibility and cost of expanding the type of services for which the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund created pursuant to § 19.2-368.18 of the Code of Virginia will make awards to include claims or portions of claims based on the claimant's actual expenses incurred for unreimbursed medical costs resulting from sexual abuse, including the cost of physical evidence recovery kit examinations conducted on victims of sexual assault, unreimbursed medical expenses or indebtedness reasonably incurred for medical expenses, expenses attributable to pregnancy resulting from such sexual abuse, and any other reasonable and necessary expenses and indebtedness associated with or attributable to the sexual abuse upon which such claim is based and (ii) the feasibility of transferring responsibility of the SAFE Payment program from the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission to the Department of Medical Assistance Services, including all related claims for medical expenses related to sexual assault, strangulation, domestic and intimate partner violence, human trafficking, and adult and child abuse. The work group shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, and the Joint Commission on Health Care by September 1, 2020.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: None.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, Department of Medical Assistance Services, Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Attorney General and Department of Law, Department of Criminal Justice Services, Department of Planning and Budget, Supreme Court, and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB 806-H1 (Delaney).