

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 2400

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Bell

3. Committee: House Committee for Court of Justice

4. Title: Sexual Assault Response Teams

- 5. Summary:** Requires attorneys for the Commonwealth to establish sexual assault response teams. Each team would be responsible for establishing policies and coordinating responses to sexual assault incidents. The bill requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to assist in establishing the teams. The bill would require all attorneys for the Commonwealth to report annually on sexual assault statistics in the jurisdiction.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8)

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2010	\$90,250	1	GF
2011	\$90,250	1	GF
2012	\$90,250	1	GF
2013	\$90,250	1	GF
2014	\$90,250	1	GF
2015	\$90,250	1	GF

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 395

- 8. Fiscal Implications:** In order to provide the level of technical assistance necessary to give the sexual assault response teams (SART) the best opportunity for success, the fiscal impact to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) would include funding for one full time position with benefits and overhead totaling \$65,250 plus an additional \$25,000 for training and technical assistance to local Commonwealth's Attorney offices.

It is uncertain as to what costs, if any, might be incurred by various Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices in implementing the provisions of this legislation. It is anticipated the sexual assault incident teams could coordinate or integrate with the local victim/witness programs.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: DCJS; Commonwealth's Attorneys

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Yes

11. Other Comments: None

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