

Department of Planning and Budget
2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 489

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

2. Patron: McClellan

3. Committee: House Courts of Justice

4. Title: Evidence in sexual assault investigations

5. Summary:

The proposed legislation would direct the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to establish training standards and publish a model policy for the collection of evidence, including the collection and storage of evidence from physical evidence recovery kits, in the investigation of sexual assaults. Furthermore, the bill would require the Department of State Police, the police and sheriffs' departments of all localities, and all campus police departments to collect and store evidence obtained in sexual assault investigations in accordance with the model policy developed by DCJS.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications:

The Governor's introduced budget includes funding for two additional positions for DCJS: one dedicated to the development of training standards and one dedicated to the development of model policies. With those positions, DCJS would have the resources to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.

The legislation could also have an indirect fiscal impact in the future on the Department of State Police, local police and sheriffs, and campus police departments because they would be required to use the policy developed by DCJS in their collection and storage of evidence collected during sexual assault investigations. However, until the policy is developed, the potential fiscal impact cannot be known.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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