

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1342

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

2. **Patron:** Shin

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Baccalaureate public institutions of higher education; provision of physical evidence recovery kits.

5. **Summary:** Requires each baccalaureate public institution of higher education to either staff its on-campus student health center with at least one on-campus certified sexual assault forensic examiner, as defined in relevant law, for the purpose of administering a physical evidence recovery kit to any student who is in need of such a kit, or enter into a memorandum of understanding with a local organization or entity that is capable of providing the services of a certified sexual assault forensic examiner for the purpose of administering a physical evidence recovery kit to any student who is in need of such a kit.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill requires baccalaureate public institutions of higher education to provide for the administration of physical evidence recovery kits and gives them the option of providing this service through a certified sexual assault forensic examiner employed at the on-campus student health center, or through a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with a local organization or entity that is capable of providing the services of a certified sexual assault forensic examiner.

Responding public institutions of higher education that have an on-campus student health center provided preliminary estimates of additional costs ranging from \$20,000 to \$175,000 per year if they opted to staff the center with at least one on-campus certified sexual assault forensic examiner. Institutions that are able to certify existing staff anticipate costs to support certification, training, and any salary differential for the certified sexual assault forensic examiner. Institutions that need to hire new staff to meet this requirement anticipate additional costs to support salary, benefits, and support costs of the position. Institutions note that sexual assault forensic examiners are a specialized industry, and salaries range by region of the state.

At this time, the fiscal impact to institutions to establish and maintain an MOU with a local organization or entity that is capable of providing the services of a certified sexual assault forensic examiner is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Public institutions of higher education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None