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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1745 by Zaffirini (Relating to entitlement of certain sexual assault victims to forensic medical examinations), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Crime Victims' Rights provision of the Code of Criminal Procedure to entitle a victim of an alleged sexual assault to a forensic medical examination if the alleged sexual assault was reported to law enforcement within 96 hours of its occurrence. It is assumed that the bill would not have a significant impact on the State.

Local Government Impact

Generally, the investigating law enforcement agency pays for forensic medical tests in cases of sexual assault, and the victim or their insurance pays for other medical treatment required as a result of the assault. Provisions of the bill are not expected to significantly increase the number of forensic tests conducted and paid for by local law enforcement agencies.

Source Agencies: 410 Criminal Justice Policy Council, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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