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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	Lopez	ORIGINAL DATE LAST UPDATED	3/4/2017 HB		
SHORT TITI	LE Rape Kit Tracking	Database	SB	423	
			ANALYST	Rogers	

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 320, HB 491, SB 351, SB 474, and SB 475.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 423 requires the development and use of a database housed at the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to track the status of sexual assault examination kits. Records for each kit shall be created and maintained, including information about who created the record and the location of the kit. The bill includes identifications of an authorized representative, electronic database, and sexual assault examination kit.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Last fall the Department of Public Safety (DPS) was awarded a \$2 million competitive grant from the U.S. Department of Justice that will provide the remaining amount needed to process a backlog of sexual assault kits under the jurisdiction of the department. Grant funds were available at the beginning of October, 2016. The grant will fund salaries and supplies for three forensic scientists for three years and provide funds for DPS to create a sexual assault case management database that is open to the public. Because of the federal funding procured for the database, LFC staff analysis assumes no fiscal impact resulting from the bill.

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