

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2613

As Recommended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2613 would authorize the Crime Victims Compensation Board (Board) to establish and charge fees for conducting a sexual assault examination and to adopt rules and regulations necessary to establish and charge such fees.

Under current law, the fee chargeable for conducting a sexual assault examination is established by the Kansas Department for Health and Environment, and the fee is charged to and paid by the county where the alleged offense was committed.

The bill would require the Board to establish the fee and would make the fee chargeable to the Board. Payment of the fee would not be contingent on a victim or claimant being otherwise eligible for victim compensation. The bill would specify that moneys in the Crime Victims Compensation Fund would be used for the payment of such fees.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of Representative Bohi on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <https://klrd.gov/>

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In the House Committee hearing, representatives of the Board and the Office of Attorney General provided **proponent** testimony on the bill, stating the bill would benefit providers of these exams by streamlining the payment process.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Association of Counties, Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, and Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center; a representative of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Peace Officers Association, and Kansas Sheriffs' Association; and two private citizens.

Written-only **opponent** testimony was provided by a private citizen, who expressed concerns about the time it may take for sexual assault nurse examiners to get paid under the new provisions of the bill.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Office of the Attorney General states that enactment of the bill would cost a total of \$1.2 million from all funding sources, including \$342,924 from the Crime Victims Compensation Fund (CVCF), to administer the provisions of the bill starting in FY 2027. The Office states that it receives a 75.0 percent match for certain programs administered by the Board. The Office estimates that it would cost \$342,924 from the CVCF to assume the responsibility of the bill starting in FY 2027. Included in that estimate is 1.0 Program Consultant position at a cost of \$71,049 for salary and benefits. The Office indicates the CVCF would absorb the expenditures to administer the provisions of the bill.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Office of Judicial Administration both state that enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on expenditures or revenues. However, the enactment of the bill could result in the collection of assessed court costs being paid by the defendant, which would be deposited into the State General Fund.

The Department for Children and Families and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation both state that enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states the bill would not have a fiscal effect because the counties are currently being reimbursed for the examination and collection kits. The League of Kansas Municipalities states the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

Crime Victims Compensation Board; fees; sexual assault examinations; Crime Victims Compensation Fund