## **BILL SUMMARY**

1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 56<sup>th</sup> Legislature

Bill No.: HB1873
Version: PCS2
Request Number: 7197
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Impact: Please see previous summary of this measure

## **Research Analysis**

The 2nd proposed committee substitute to HB 1873 creates the Sexual Assault Victims' Right to Information Act. The measure provides that a sexual assault victim retains all rights granted by the Act regardless of whether the victim agrees to participate in the criminal justice system or whether the victim agrees to receive a medical evidentiary examination. The bill provides that a sexual assault victim has a right to consult with a sexual assault advocate during any examination or interview. The bill provides that any medical expenses related to the medical evidentiary examination or treatment of the victim is not to be charged directly or indirectly to the victim. The victim is to be notified of their rights prior to a medical evidentiary or physical examination. The victim is to be notified of their right to consult a sexual assault advocate prior to being interviewed by law enforcement or the district attorney. The measure provides that the victim has the right to have counsel present during all stages of the investigation. The measure provides that a sexual assault victim has the right to request and receive the results and status of the analysis of the sexual assault forensic evidence of the victim. The measure a law enforcement officer or medical provider is to provide the victim with a document to be developed by the Office of the Attorney General that explains the rights of sexual assault victims.

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## **Fiscal Analysis**

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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## **Other Considerations**

None.

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