BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	**HB 2546**
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Research Analysis

The conference committee substitute to HB 2546 creates the "Sexual Assault Victims' Right to Information Act". The measure provides definitions and provides that a sexual assault victim retains all the rights of this act regardless of whether the victim agrees to participate in the criminal justice system at any time and regardless of whether the victim agrees to receive a medical evidentiary examination to collect sexual assault forensic evidence. The bill provides that a sexual assault victim has a right to consult with a sexual assault advocate during any examination or interview. A sexual assault victims' advocate may be present during any interview with law enforcement or district attorney. The measure provides that no sexual assault forensic evidence can be used to prosecute a sexual assault victim for any misdemeanor crime or as a basis to search for further evidence of any unrelated misdemeanor crime that may have been committed by the victim. The victim is to be notified of their rights by law enforcement or medical provider upon initial interaction. The victim is to be notified of their right to consult a sexual assault advocate and the right to request and receive the results and status of the analysis of the sexual assault forensic evidence of the victim and the right to request a copy of the police report.

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Fiscal Analysis

The conference committee substitute to the measure creates the Sexual Assault Victims' Right to Information Act. The measure also amends certain sections of the Oklahoma Victim's Rights Act to reference the provisions of the Sexual Assault Victims' Right to Information Act.

Upon review and with consultation from the District Attorneys Council, no direct impact to state revenues or expenditures is anticipated from passage of the conference committee substitute to the measure.

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Other Considerations

None.