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Research Analysis

SB 1933 creates the 17-member Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence (SAFE) Board within the Office of the Attorney General with the powers and duties to:

- Examine the process for gathering and analyzing sexual assault forensic evidence kits;
- Develop a plan for the prioritization and acceptance of untested kits;
- Identify procedures for testing anonymous kits;
- Identifying improvements for victim access to evidence other than kits, including police reports and other physical evidence;
- Identifying additional rights of victims concerning the kits testing process;
- Identifying and pursuing grants and other funding sources to address untested kits, reduce testing wait times, provide victim notification, and improve efficiencies in the kit testing process; and
- Develop a training plan for equipping and enhancing the work of law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, and Sexual Assault Response Teams in all jurisdictions in the state.

The measure directs the Board to promulgate rules regarding the collection of sexual assault forensic evidence and maintain statistical information related to such collection. The Board is to establish procedures for obtaining initial information regarding the collection of sexual assault forensic evidence from medical and law enforcement entities and review the practices and procedures of medical and law enforcement systems. The Board is also required to request and obtain a copy of all records and reports pertaining to sexual assault forensic evidence. The Board is to submit an annual statistical report.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure codifies in state statute the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence (SAFE) Board within the Office of the Attorney General (OAG). According to officials with the OAG, the agency does not anticipate a fiscal impact as this task force is already in existence from an executive order. Therefore, SB1933 in its current form is not anticipated to have an impact on state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

