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SENATE BILL DRS35238-MVa-23

Short Title: Increase Funding for Rape Victim Assistance. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Marcus, Murdock, and Mayfield (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT PAID BY THE ASSISTANCE
3 PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF RAPE AND SEX OFFENSES TO A MEDICAL
4 FACILITY OR MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL FOR FORENSIC MEDICAL
5 EXAMINATIONS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143B-1200 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 143B-1200. Assistance Program for Victims of Rape and Sex Offenses.**

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10 (d) Eligible Expenses. – Medical facilities and medical professionals who perform
11 forensic medical examinations shall do so using a Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit.
12 Payments by the Program for the forensic medical examination shall be limited to the following:

13 Service	14 Maximum Amount Paid by Program
15 Physician or SANE Nurse	\$350.00 <u>\$700.00</u>
16 Hospital/Facility Fee	\$250.00 <u>\$500.00</u>
17 Other Expenses Deemed Eligible 18 by the Program	\$200.00
19 Total:	\$800.00 <u>\$1,400.00</u>

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21 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
22 Public Safety the sum of one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) in recurring
23 funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be used to administer the Assistance Program for Victims
24 of Rape and Sex Offenses in accordance with this act.

25 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021, and applies to forensic
26 medical examinations conducted on or after that date.

