

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Austin, Texas

May 18, 2009

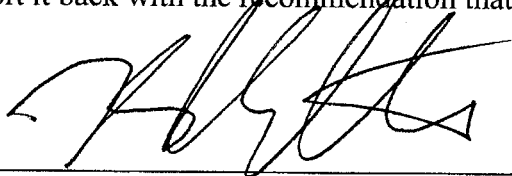
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President of the Senate

Honorable Joe Straus
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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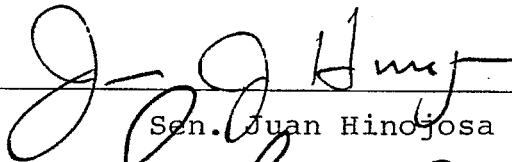
We, Your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on House Bill 2626 have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass in the form and text hereto attached.



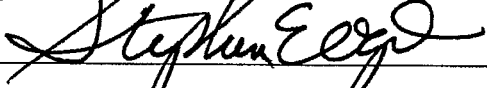
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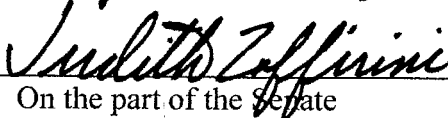
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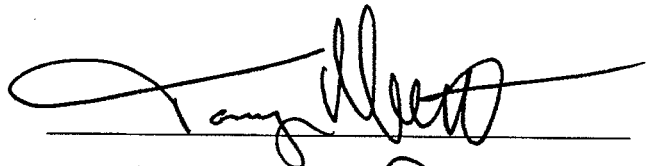


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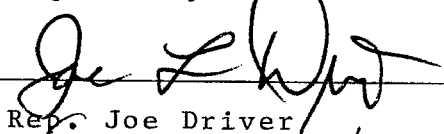


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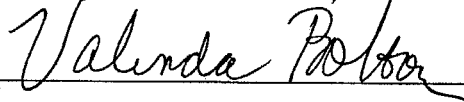
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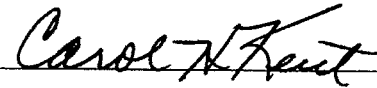
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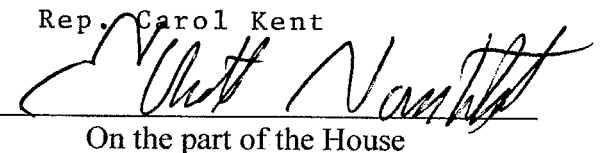
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Rep. Valinda Bolton



Rep. Carol Kent



On the part of the House

Rep. Elliott Naishtat

Note to Conference Committee Clerk:

Please type the names of the members of the Conference Committee under the lines provided for signature. Those members desiring to sign the report should sign each of the six copies. Attach a copy of the Conference Committee Report and a Section by Section side by side comparison to each of the six reporting forms. The original and two copies are filed in house of origin of the bill, and three copies in the other house.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

3rd Printing

H.B. No. 2626

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the forensic medical examination of a sexual assault
3 victim who has not reported the assault to a law enforcement agency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Article 56.02(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) A victim, guardian of a victim, or close relative of a
8 deceased victim is entitled to the following rights within the
9 criminal justice system:

10 (1) the right to receive from law enforcement agencies
11 adequate protection from harm and threats of harm arising from
12 cooperation with prosecution efforts;

13 (2) the right to have the magistrate take the safety of
14 the victim or his family into consideration as an element in fixing
15 the amount of bail for the accused;

16 (3) the right, if requested, to be informed:

17 (A) by the attorney representing the state of
18 relevant court proceedings, including appellate proceedings, and
19 to be informed if those proceedings have been canceled or
20 rescheduled prior to the event; and

21 (B) by an appellate court of decisions of the
22 court, after the decisions are entered but before the decisions are
23 made public;

24 (4) the right to be informed, when requested, by a

1 peace officer concerning the defendant's right to bail and the
2 procedures in criminal investigations and by the district
3 attorney's office concerning the general procedures in the criminal
4 justice system, including general procedures in guilty plea
5 negotiations and arrangements, restitution, and the appeals and
6 parole process;

7 (5) the right to provide pertinent information to a
8 probation department conducting a presentencing investigation
9 concerning the impact of the offense on the victim and his family by
10 testimony, written statement, or any other manner prior to any
11 sentencing of the offender;

12 (6) the right to receive information regarding
13 compensation to victims of crime as provided by Subchapter B,
14 including information related to the costs that may be compensated
15 under that subchapter and the amount of compensation, eligibility
16 for compensation, and procedures for application for compensation
17 under that subchapter, the payment for a medical examination under
18 Article 56.06 for a victim of a sexual assault, and when requested,
19 to referral to available social service agencies that may offer
20 additional assistance;

21 (7) the right to be informed, upon request, of parole
22 procedures, to participate in the parole process, to be notified,
23 if requested, of parole proceedings concerning a defendant in the
24 victim's case, to provide to the Board of Pardons and Paroles for
25 inclusion in the defendant's file information to be considered by
26 the board prior to the parole of any defendant convicted of any
27 crime subject to this subchapter, and to be notified, if requested,

1 of the defendant's release;

2 (8) the right to be provided with a waiting area,
3 separate or secure from other witnesses, including the offender and
4 relatives of the offender, before testifying in any proceeding
5 concerning the offender; if a separate waiting area is not
6 available, other safeguards should be taken to minimize the
7 victim's contact with the offender and the offender's relatives and
8 witnesses, before and during court proceedings;

9 (9) the right to prompt return of any property of the
10 victim that is held by a law enforcement agency or the attorney for
11 the state as evidence when the property is no longer required for
12 that purpose;

13 (10) the right to have the attorney for the state
14 notify the employer of the victim, if requested, of the necessity of
15 the victim's cooperation and testimony in a proceeding that may
16 necessitate the absence of the victim from work for good cause;

17 (11) the right to counseling, on request, regarding
18 acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and human
19 immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection and testing for acquired
20 immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), human immunodeficiency virus
21 (HIV) infection, antibodies to HIV, or infection with any other
22 probable causative agent of AIDS, if the offense is an offense under
23 Section 21.02, 21.11(a)(1), 22.011, or 22.021, Penal Code;

24 (12) the right to request victim-offender mediation
25 coordinated by the victim services division of the Texas Department
26 of Criminal Justice;

27 (13) the right to be informed of the uses of a victim

1 impact statement and the statement's purpose in the criminal
2 justice system, to complete the victim impact statement, and to
3 have the victim impact statement considered:

4 (A) by the attorney representing the state and
5 the judge before sentencing or before a plea bargain agreement is
6 accepted; and

7 (B) by the Board of Pardons and Paroles before an
8 inmate is released on parole; and

9 (14) to the extent [~~except as~~] provided by Articles
10 56.06 and 56.065 [~~Article 56.06(a)~~], for a victim of a sexual
11 assault, the right to a forensic medical examination if, within 96
12 hours of the sexual assault, the [~~sexual~~] assault is reported to a
13 law enforcement agency or a forensic medical examination is
14 otherwise conducted at a health care facility [~~within 96 hours of~~
15 ~~the assault~~].

16 SECTION 2. The heading to Article 56.06, Code of Criminal
17 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

18 Art. 56.06. MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM
19 WHO HAS REPORTED ASSAULT; COSTS.

20 SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 56, Code of Criminal
21 Procedure, is amended by adding Article 56.065 to read as follows:

22 Art. 56.065. MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM
23 WHO HAS NOT REPORTED ASSAULT; COSTS. (a) In this article:

24 (1) "Crime laboratory" has the meaning assigned by
25 Article 38.35.

26 (2) "Department" means the Department of Public
27 Safety.

1 (3) "Sexual assault examiner" and "sexual assault
2 nurse examiner" have the meanings assigned by Section 420.003,
3 Government Code.

4 (b) This article applies to the following health care
5 facilities that provide diagnosis or treatment services to victims
6 of sexual assault:

7 (1) a general or special hospital licensed under
8 Chapter 241, Health and Safety Code;

9 (2) a general or special hospital owned by this state;

10 (3) an outpatient clinic; and

11 (4) a private physician's office.

12 (c) In accordance with Subchapter B, Chapter 420,
13 Government Code, and except as provided by Subsection (e), a health
14 care facility shall conduct a forensic medical examination of the
15 victim of an alleged sexual assault if:

16 (1) the victim arrives at the facility within 96 hours
17 after the assault occurred;

18 (2) the victim consents to the examination; and

19 (3) at the time of the examination the victim has not
20 reported the assault to a law enforcement agency.

21 (d) The department shall pay the appropriate fees, as set by
22 attorney general rule, for the forensic portion of the medical
23 examination and for the evidence collection kit if a physician,
24 sexual assault examiner, or sexual assault nurse examiner conducts
25 the forensic portion of the examination within 96 hours after the
26 alleged sexual assault occurred. The attorney general shall
27 reimburse the department for fees paid under this subsection.

1 (e) If a health care facility does not provide diagnosis or
2 treatment services to victims of sexual assault, the facility shall
3 refer a victim seeking a forensic medical examination under
4 Subsection (c) to a health care facility that provides services to
5 those victims.

6 (f) The department may develop procedures regarding the
7 submission or collection of additional evidence of the alleged
8 sexual assault other than through an examination as described by
9 this article.

10 (g) The department shall develop procedures for the
11 transfer and preservation of evidence collected under this article
12 to a crime laboratory or other suitable location designated by the
13 public safety director of the department. The receiving entity
14 shall preserve the evidence until the earlier of:

15 (1) the second anniversary of the date the evidence
16 was collected; or

17 (2) the date the victim or a legal representative of
18 the victim signs a written consent to release the evidence.

19 (h) The victim may not be required to:

20 (1) participate in the investigation or prosecution of
21 an offense as a condition of receiving a forensic medical
22 examination under this article; or

23 (2) pay for the forensic portion of the medical
24 examination or for the evidence collection kit.

25 (i) The attorney general and the department each shall adopt
26 rules as necessary to implement this article.

27 SECTION 4. Section 323.004(b), Health and Safety Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (b) A health care facility providing care to a sexual
3 assault survivor shall provide the survivor with:

4 (1) a forensic medical examination in accordance with
5 Subchapter B, Chapter 420, Government Code, if the examination has
6 been requested [~~approved~~] by a law enforcement agency under Article
7 56.06, Code of Criminal Procedure, or is conducted under Article
8 56.065, Code of Criminal Procedure;

9 (2) a private area, if available, to wait or speak with
10 the appropriate medical, legal, or sexual assault crisis center
11 staff or volunteer until a physician, nurse, or physician assistant
12 is able to treat the survivor;

13 (3) access to a sexual assault program advocate, if
14 available, as provided by Article 56.045, Code of Criminal
15 Procedure;

16 (4) the information form required by Section 323.005;

17 (5) a private treatment room, if available;

18 (6) if indicated by the history of contact, access to
19 appropriate prophylaxis for exposure to sexually transmitted
20 infections; and

21 (7) the name and telephone number of the nearest
22 sexual assault crisis center.

23 SECTION 5. Section 323.005(a), Health and Safety Code, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (a) The department shall develop a standard information
26 form for sexual assault survivors that must include:

27 (1) a detailed explanation of the forensic medical

1 examination required to be provided by law, including a statement
2 that photographs may be taken of the genitalia;

3 (2) information regarding treatment of sexually
4 transmitted infections and pregnancy, including:

5 (A) generally accepted medical procedures;

6 (B) appropriate medications; and

7 (C) any contraindications of the medications
8 prescribed for treating sexually transmitted infections and
9 preventing pregnancy;

10 (3) information regarding drug-facilitated sexual
11 assault, including the necessity for an immediate urine test for
12 sexual assault survivors who may have been involuntarily drugged;

13 (4) information regarding crime victims compensation,
14 including:

15 (A) a statement that:

16 (i) a law enforcement agency will pay for
17 the forensic portion of an [the] examination requested by the
18 agency under Article 56.06, Code of Criminal Procedure, and for the
19 evidence collection kit; or

20 (ii) the Department of Public Safety will
21 pay the appropriate fees for the forensic portion of an examination
22 conducted under Article 56.065, Code of Criminal Procedure, and for
23 the evidence collection kit; and

24 (B) reimbursement information for the medical
25 portion of the examination;

26 (5) an explanation that consent for the forensic
27 medical examination may be withdrawn at any time during the

1 examination;

2 (6) the name and telephone number of sexual assault
3 crisis centers statewide; and

4 (7) information regarding postexposure prophylaxis
5 for HIV infection.

6 SECTION 6. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective
7 date of this Act, the attorney general shall adopt the rules
8 required by Article 56.065(i), Code of Criminal Procedure, as added
9 by this Act.

10 (b) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this
11 Act, the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas shall
12 adopt the rules required by Article 56.065(i), Code of Criminal
13 Procedure, as added by this Act.

14 (c) The change in law made by this Act applies to a forensic
15 medical examination of an alleged sexual assault victim that is
16 conducted on or after the effective date of this Act. An
17 examination that is conducted before the effective date of this Act
18 is covered by the law in effect when the examination was conducted,
19 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

20 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

House Bill 2626
Conference Committee Report
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION	SENATE VERSION	CONFERENCE
SECTION 1. Article 56.02(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, relating to rights of a victim, guardian of a victim, or close relative of a deceased victim within the criminal justice system, is amended.	Same as House version.	Same as House version.
SECTION 2. The heading to Article 56.06, Code of Criminal Procedure, <u>MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM WHO HAS REPORTED ASSAULT</u> ; COSTS, is amended.	Same as House version.	Same as House version.
SECTION 3. Adds Article 56.065, Code of Criminal Procedure, <u>MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM WHO HAS NOT REPORTED ASSAULT</u> ; COSTS.	Same as House version.	Same as House version.
SECTION 4. Section 323.004(b), Health and Safety Code, relating to a forensic medical examination for a sexual assault survivor, is amended.	Same as House version.	Same as House version.
SECTION 5. Section 323.005(a), Health and Safety Code, relating to a required standard information form containing certain information for sexual assault survivors, is amended.	Same as House version.	Same as House version.
No equivalent provision.	SECTION __. Specifies that this Act does not make an appropriation and that certain provisions are not mandatory during a fiscal period for which the legislature has not made a specific appropriation to	Same as House version.

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HOUSE VERSION

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implement the provision.

SECTION 6. Transition provision relating to the attorney general and the Department of Public Safety adopting rules as required by this Act.

Same as House version.

Same as House version.

SECTION 7. Effective date.

Same as House version.

Same as House version.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 25, 2009

TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate
Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2626 by Naishtat (Relating to the forensic medical examination of a sexual assault victim who has not reported the assault to a law enforcement agency.), **Conference Committee Report**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2626, Conference Committee Report: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2011.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2010	\$0
2011	\$0
2012	\$0
2013	\$0
2014	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>Crime Victims Comp Acct</i> 469
2010	(\$230,680)
2011	(\$237,790)
2012	(\$244,900)
2013	(\$252,405)
2014	(\$259,910)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Health and Safety Code to expand victim rights by providing the right to a forensic medical examination to victims of sexual assault who have not reported the assault to a law enforcement agency, if the forensic exam is otherwise conducted at a health care facility.

Methodology

The bill would provide that the Department of Public Safety pay for appropriate fees of a forensic medical exam and evidence collection kits of a sexual assault victim who has not reported the assault to law enforcement. The bill also provides that the Office of the Attorney General reimburse the Department of Public Safety for those aforementioned costs. The Office of the Attorney General

estimates that reimbursements of forensic exams and collection kits as a result of the bill would increase by approximately 15 percent and would total approximately 584 new applications. Each new application would be cost approximately \$395 providing a total cost of \$230,680 in fiscal year 2010 out of the Compensation to Victims of Crime Account No. 469. In fiscal year 2011, the OAG estimates that 602 new applications will be submitted for reimbursement providing a cost of \$237,790 out of the Compensation to Victims of Crime Account No. 469. It is assumed that the number of reimbursements will increase slightly in the remaining years providing a cost out of the Compensation to Victims of Crime Account No. 469 totaling \$244,900 in fiscal year 2012, \$252,405 in fiscal year 2013, and \$259,910 in fiscal year 2014. It is assumed that any administrative costs associated with the implementation of the bill at the Department of Public Safety and the Office of the Attorney General could be absorbed within existing state resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

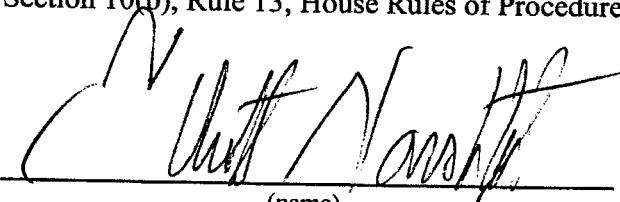
Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 405 Department of Public Safety

LBB Staff: JOB, SD, ESi, JM, LG

Certification of Compliance with Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure

Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, requires that a copy of a conference committee report signed by a majority of each committee of the conference must be furnished to each member of the committee in person or if unable to deliver in person by placing a copy in the member's newspaper mailbox at least one hour before the report is furnished to each member of the house under Section 10(a) of this rule. The paper copies of the report submitted to the chief clerk under Section 10(b) of this rule must contain a certificate that the requirement of this subsection has been satisfied, and that certificate must be attached to the printed copy of the report furnished to each member under Section 10(d) of this rule. Failure to comply with this subsection is not a sustainable point of order under this rule.

I certify that a copy of the conference committee report on H. B. 2626 was furnished to each member of the conference committee in compliance with Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, before submission of the paper copies of the report to the chief clerk under Section 10(b), Rule 13, House Rules of Procedure.



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