

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, law enforcement agencies are not required to request a forensic exam immediately for victims who report an assault within a certain time of its occurrence. As proposed, S.B. 1745 provides that a victim of an alleged sexual assault is entitled to a forensic medical examination if the alleged sexual assault was reported within 96 hours of its occurrence.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Article 56.02, Code of Criminal Procedure, by adding Subsection (e), to provide that a victim of an alleged sexual assault if [sic] entitled to a forensic medical examination if the alleged sexual assault was reported to law enforcement within 96 hours of its occurrence.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.