

**SHB 2299 - H AMD 1081**

By Representative McCabe

WITHDRAWN 02/23/2018

1 On page 408, after line 28, insert the following:

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3 "NEW SECTION Sec. 917. 2017 c 290 s 2 (uncodified) is amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1)(a) The joint legislative task force on sexual assault  
6 forensic examination best practices is established for the purpose  
7 of reviewing best practice models for managing all aspects of sexual  
8 assault examinations and for reducing the number of untested sexual  
9 assault examination kits in Washington state that were collected  
10 prior to the effective date of this section.

11 (i) The caucus leaders from the senate shall appoint one member  
12 from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

13 (ii) The caucus leaders from the house of representatives shall  
14 appoint one member from each of the two largest caucuses of the  
15 house of representatives.

16 (iii) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house  
17 of representatives shall jointly appoint:

18 (A) One member representing each of the following:

19 (I) The Washington state patrol;

20 (II) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs;

21 (III) The Washington association of prosecuting attorneys;

22 (IV) The Washington defender association or the Washington  
23 association of criminal defense lawyers;

24 (V) The Washington association of cities;

25 (VI) The Washington association of county officials;

26 (VII) The Washington coalition of sexual assault programs;

27 (VIII) The office of crime victims advocacy;

1 (IX) The Washington state hospital association;  
2 (X) The Washington state forensic investigations council;  
3 (XI) A public institution of higher education as defined in RCW  
4 28B.10.016;  
5 (XII) A private higher education institution as defined in RCW  
6 28B.07.020; and  
7 (XIII) The office of the attorney general; and  
8 (B) Two members representing survivors of sexual assault.  
9 (b) The task force shall choose two cochairs from among its  
10 legislative membership. The legislative membership shall convene the  
11 initial meeting of the task force.  
12 (2) The duties of the task force include, but are not limited  
13 to:  
14 (a) Researching and determining the number of untested sexual  
15 assault examination kits in Washington state;  
16 (b) Researching the locations where the untested sexual assault  
17 examination kits are stored;  
18 (c) Researching, reviewing, and making recommendations regarding  
19 legislative policy options for reducing the number of untested  
20 sexual assault examination kits;  
21 (d) Researching the best practice models both in state and from  
22 other states for collaborative responses to victims of sexual  
23 assault from the point the sexual assault examination kit is  
24 collected to the conclusion of the investigation and providing  
25 recommendations regarding any existing gaps in Washington and  
26 resources that may be necessary to address those gaps; and  
27 (e) Researching, identifying, and making recommendations for  
28 securing nonstate funding for testing the sexual assault examination  
29 kits, and reporting on progress made toward securing such funding.  
30 (3) Staff support for the task force must be provided by the  
31 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of  
32 program research.  
33 (4) Legislative members of the task force must be reimbursed for  
34 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative

1 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are  
2 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW  
3 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

4 (5) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the  
5 senate and the house of representatives. Task force meetings and  
6 expenditures are subject to approval by the senate facilities and  
7 operations committee and the house of representatives executive  
8 rules committee, or their successor committees.

9 (6) The first meeting of the task force must occur prior to  
10 October 1, 2015. The task force shall submit a preliminary report  
11 regarding its initial findings and recommendations to the  
12 appropriate committees of the legislature and the governor no later  
13 than December 1, 2015.

14 (7) The task force must meet no less than twice annually.

15 (8) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations  
16 to the appropriate committees of the legislature and the governor by  
17 September 30, 2016, and by December 1st of the following year.

18 (9) This section expires (~~June 30, 2018~~) June 30, 2019."

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20 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct internal  
21 references.

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23 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Extends the Joint Legislative Task Force on Sexual  
Assault Forensic Examination for the Senate and House of  
Representatives by one year.

FISCAL IMPACT: No net change to appropriated levels.

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