AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT OF THE COSTS OF FORENSIC SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE EXAMINATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 19a-112a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

(1) No costs incurred by a health care facility for the examination of a victim of sexual assault, when such examination is performed for the purpose of gathering evidence as prescribed in the protocol, including the costs of testing for pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases and the costs of prophylactic treatment as provided in the protocol, shall be charged directly or indirectly to such victim. Any such costs shall be charged to the [Division of Criminal Justice] Office of Victim Services within the Judicial Department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

| Section 1 | from passage | 19a-112a(e)(1) |
Statement of Purpose:
To transfer the responsibility for payment of the costs incurred by health care facilities for forensic sexual assault evidence examinations from the Division of Criminal Justice to the Office of Victim Services within the Judicial Department.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]