



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 966

LCO No. 4007



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINERS
AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-112g of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

3 (a) As used in this section: ["sexual assault forensic examiner"]

4 (1) "Sexual assault forensic examiner" means a registered nurse or
5 advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 or
6 a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370; [.] and

7 (2) "Health care facility" means a facility (A) operated by an
8 institution of higher education, (B) licensed by the Department of
9 Public Health as an infirmary operated by an educational institution or
10 as an outpatient clinic, and (C) accredited by the Joint Commission or
11 the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

12 (b) A sexual assault forensic examiner may provide immediate care

13 and treatment to a victim of sexual assault who is a patient in an acute
 14 care hospital or in a health care facility and [may] collect evidence
 15 pertaining to the investigation of any sexual assault in accordance with
 16 the State of Connecticut Technical Guidelines for Health Care
 17 Response to Victims of Sexual Assault, published by the Commission
 18 on the Standardization of the Collection of Evidence in Sexual Assault
 19 Investigations pursuant to section 19a-112a. Services provided by a
 20 sexual assault forensic examiner shall be: (1) In accordance with the
 21 [hospital's] policies and accreditation standards of the acute care
 22 hospital or health care facility; and (2) pursuant to a written agreement
 23 entered into by the (A) acute care hospital [,] or health care facility, (B)
 24 [the] Department of Public Health, and (iii) [the] Office of Victim
 25 Services concerning the [hospital's] participation of the acute care
 26 hospital or health care facility in the sexual assault forensic examiners
 27 program. Nothing in this section shall be construed as altering the
 28 scope of the practice of nursing as set forth in section 20-87a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	19a-112g

Statement of Purpose:

To allow sexual assault forensic examiners to provide immediate care and treatment to victims of sexual assault at health care facilities operated by an institution of higher education.

[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.]