

FISCAL NOTE
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REVISION

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2216

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

| | 2007-2009 Biennium | | 2009-2011 Biennium | | 2011-2013 Biennium | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | General Fund | Other Funds | General Fund | Other Funds | General Fund | Other Funds |
| Revenues | | | | | | |
| Expenditures | | | | \$341,208 | | \$400,000 |
| Appropriations | | | | \$341,208 | | \$400,000 |

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

| 2007-2009 Biennium | | | 2009-2011 Biennium | | | 2011-2013 Biennium | | |
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| Counties | Cities | School Districts | Counties | Cities | School Districts | Counties | Cities | School Districts |
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2A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This bill provides for any preliminary medical screening exams conducted prior to acute forensic medical exams to be reimbursed by the Office of Attorney General to the health facility or health care provider who performed the exams.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

The Office of Attorney General currently reimburses health care facilities and health care providers for the cost of acute forensic medical exams. The 2007-09 biennium forensic medical exams appropriation was \$500,000, which was reduced in the 2009-11 biennium budget to \$250,000, and is funded from the Insurance Regulatory Trust fund. For the period from July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008, the office has reimbursed health care entities and providers \$115,100 for 252 acute forensic medical exams.

Based on information provided by the ND Healthcare Association, up to 600 acute forensic medical exams are projected for the 2007-09 biennium. The addition of preliminary medical screening exams could more than double the total number of exams currently anticipated. If the number of acute forensic medical exams and exam costs increase by 15% (as more victims are aware of the program), the cost for the 2009-11 biennium will increase by an estimated \$16,000. Preliminary medical screening exams are conducted before acute forensic medical exams are completed.

If preliminary medical screening exams and costs use the same assumptions used for the acute forensic medical exams, and assuming the preliminary medical screening exam cost is \$100 per exam, based on updated information from the ND Healthcare Association, the estimated additional cost will be \$75,000 for the 2009-11 biennium. The total estimated cost of this bill is \$341,208 of which \$250,000 is included in the Executive Recommendation.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

N/A

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

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Preliminary medical screening exams are conducted before acute forensic medical exams are completed. If preliminary medical screening exams and costs increase by 15% over the number of acute forensic medical exam estimates and assuming the preliminary medical screening exam cost is \$100 per exam, based on updated ND Healthcare Association estimated costs, the estimated additional cost will be \$25,000 for the 2009-11 biennium. The total estimated cost of this bill is \$341,208, of which \$250,000 is included in the Executive Recommendation.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

See expenditures narrative

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