

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 23-16-16 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to hospital treatment of victims of sexual assault; to provide a penalty; and to provide an  
3 appropriation.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-16-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
6 follows:

7 **Treatment of victims of sexual assault.**

8 1. As used in this section:

9 a. "Hospital" means an entity required to obtain a license under section 23-16-01.

10 b. "Sexual assault" has the same meaning as provided under section 12.1-20-07.

11 c. "Victim of sexual assault" means an individual who:

12 (1) States a sexual assault has been committed against the individual;

13 (2) Is accompanied by another individual who states a sexual assault has been  
14 committed against the accompanied individual; or

15 (3) An individual who hospital personnel or a sexual assault nurse examiner  
16 have reason to believe is a victim of sexual assault.

17 2. A hospital may not require a victim of sexual assault to submit to a forensic  
18 examination or to report the alleged sexual assault to law enforcement.

19 3. A hospital without staff specially trained to perform a sexual assault forensic  
20 examination shallmay coordinate with a community-based sexual assault nurse  
21 examiner nurse program or develop a sexual assault examiner nurse program to  
22 ensure all victims of sexual assault who want a sexual assault forensic examination or  
23 sexually transmitted infection treatment receive that examination or treatment.

1       **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
2 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$500,000, or so much of the  
3 sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health for the division of injury prevention  
4 and control to provide grants through the domestic violence/rape crisis program for  
5 community-based and hospital-based sexual assault nurse examiner programs, for the  
6 biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017. A recipient of a grant under this  
7 section shall use the grant funds to train and support a sexual assault nurse examiner program.