

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2606

By: Harris of the House

and

Weaver of the Senate

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7 [domestic violence - District Attorneys Council -
8 domestic violence forensic exam pilot program -
9 counties - Domestic Violence Examination Fund -
10 Crime Victims Compensation Board - claims -
11 Legislature - contracts - documents - acts -
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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 421.21 of Title 21, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. Contingent upon the availability of funds, the District
20 Attorneys Council shall develop and implement a five-year Domestic
21 Violence Forensic Exam Pilot Program. The purpose of the Domestic
22 Violence Forensic Exam Pilot Program shall be to provide counties
23 with qualified licensed health care professionals who shall conduct
24 domestic violence forensic exams for victims of domestic violence

1 assault. In conjunction with the Domestic Violence Forensic Exam
2 Pilot Program, a Domestic Violence Examination Fund shall be
3 established in each participating county for the purpose of
4 providing to a victim of domestic violence assault, a forensic
5 medical examination by a qualified licensed health care
6 professional.

7 B. As used in this section:

8 1. "Domestic violence" means any act of physical harm or the
9 threat of imminent physical harm which is committed by an adult,
10 emancipated minor, or minor child thirteen (13) years of age or
11 older against another adult, emancipated minor, or minor child who
12 is currently or was previously an intimate partner or family or
13 household member;

14 2. "Intimate partner" means:

- 15 a. current or former spouses,
16 b. persons who are in a dating relationship,
17 c. persons who are the biological parents of the same
18 child, regardless of marital status or whether they
19 have lived together at any time, and
20 d. persons who currently or formerly lived together in an
21 intimate way, primarily characterized by affectionate
22 or sexual involvement. A sexual relationship may be
23 an indicator that a person is an intimate partner, but
24 is never a necessary condition;

1 3. "Household member" means:

2 a. persons who regularly reside in the same single-
3 dwelling unit,

4 b. persons who resided in the same single-dwelling unit
5 within the past year, or

6 c. persons who have individual lease agreements whereby
7 each person has his or her own private bedroom and
8 shares common areas; and

9 4. "Qualified licensed health care professional" means a
10 physician, registered nurse, or other licensed health care
11 professional qualified by completion of a forty-hour didactic
12 domestic violence examiners course, as well as successful completion
13 of clinical competence.

14 C. The Crime Victims Compensation Board shall establish the
15 procedures for disbursement of the Domestic Violence Examination
16 Fund, but in no event shall the Crime Victims Compensation Board pay
17 an amount to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for a domestic
18 violence forensic exam. Such payments shall not exceed the amounts
19 specified by this subsection regardless of the amount of any
20 individual bills comprising the claim. Payments shall be made only
21 upon claims signed by the victim or guardian and qualified licensed
22 health care professional.

23 D. The District Attorneys Council is hereby authorized to
24 transfer funds, as specified in the appropriations bill annually,

1 from the Crime Victims Compensation Fund to the Domestic Violence
2 Examination Fund for the payment of domestic violence forensic
3 exams, pursuant to this section.

4 E. The District Attorneys Council shall have the authority to
5 make any contract, execute any document, or perform any act in order
6 to carry out the Domestic Violence Forensic Exam Pilot Program.

7 F. Nothing in this section shall prevent the Legislature from
8 appropriating funds to the Domestic Violence Examination Fund for
9 the payment of domestic violence forensic examinations.

10 G. Counties with a population of more than three hundred
11 thousand (300,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial Census
12 may participate in the pilot program. Subject to available funding,
13 the Crime Victims Compensation Board is authorized to allow counties
14 with a population of less than three hundred thousand (300,000)
15 according to the latest Federal Decennial Census to participate in
16 the pilot program.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of March, 2025.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
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6 Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2025.

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