

BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.:	HB2606
Version:	FA1
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Impact:	DAC FY26: \$1,000,000 FY27 and onward: \$1,500,000

Research Analysis

HB 2606 directs the District Attorneys Council to develop and implement a five-year Domestic Violence Forensic Exam Pilot Program in counties with a population of more than 300,000. The program is to provide counties with qualified licensed health care professionals to conduct domestic violence forensic exams. The measure creates a Domestic Violence Examination Fund in each participating county. The measure authorizes the Crime Victims Compensation Board to pay up to \$200 for a domestic violence forensic exam.

The Floor amendment clarifies the definition of "household member" and allows counties with a population of less than 300,000 to participate in the program should funds be available.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB2606 directs the District Attorneys Council (DAC) to develop and implement a domestic violence forensic exam pilot program. Officials with the DAC have provided the following analysis:

FY26: Estimated fiscal impact is roughly \$2,670,000

FY27: Estimated fiscal impact is roughly \$3,650,000 and annually thereafter

The amount of annual payable claims are estimated to be \$1.9M in FY26 and at least \$2.8M annually thereafter

- Currently, 5 counties in Oklahoma meet the requirements for participation.
- Based upon FY24 data from a grant in Tulsa county involving domestic violence examinations, there's an estimated 14,000 claims which might be processed annually across the 5 counties.
- The current bill language has a \$200 maximum limit payable per claim/exam.
- \$200 per claim at 14,000 annual claims is \$2.8M annually.
- Claims in FY26 would be less, due to the bill becoming effective November 1st, 2025.

Estimated costs to the District Attorneys Council (DAC) to administer: roughly \$170K in FY26 and roughly \$250K annually thereafter for 3 FTE

- The bill requires the establishment of a new program across multiple counties requiring coordination, planning, & administration, so at least 1 FTE is needed for a program coordinator.
 - Estimated salary of \$80K with total payroll costs including benefits & taxes of roughly \$100K.

- Based upon the estimated 14,000 annual claims, the DAC would need at least 2 clerks to process claims.
 - Estimated salary of \$50K for each clerk with total payroll costs including benefits & taxes of roughly \$70K each or \$140K annually for 2 FTE.

Estimated costs for didactic domestic violence examiners training courses: at least \$150K annually

- Based upon other states offering extensive, similar training courses, it is estimated to cost roughly \$150K annually to help ensure that there are enough qualified licensed healthcare professionals available to perform these exams across the 5 eligible counties.

Based upon information from the Oklahoma Hospital Association website, there would be over 40 hospitals in the eligible.

Therefore, in its current form, there is an estimated cost to the DAC of \$2,670,000 in FY26, and an annual estimated cost of \$3,650,000 in FY27 and each year thereafter. The DAC may seek additional funding to defray these costs in administering the program.

The FA1 specifies the counties in which the pilot program would be administered. Officials with the DAC have provided the following revised analysis based upon the guidelines set forth in the FA1:

Summary of estimated cost increases to the District Attorneys Council (DAC), for *only* Oklahoma & Tulsa counties (based upon recent Census):

- FY26: roughly \$1,000,000
- FY27 and after: \$1,500,000

Analysis:

HB2606 (with the proposed floor amendment) would create a pilot program to help provide counties with resources for domestic violence forensic examinations.

Section 1 of HB2606 would create a new statute/section within Title 21 and preferably classified as Section 421.21

- Subsection A establishes the ‘Domestic Violence Forensic Exam Pilot Program’ pilot program.
 - Program appears to be to help reimburse the cost of domestic violence forensic exams
- Subsection B has various definitions and terminology used in this proposed new section of law
- Subsection C would establish a maximum amount of \$200 per allowable claim/exam
- Subsection D would allow a transfer of appropriations contained in the ‘appropriations bill annually’ (i.e. the annual GA bill) for the payments/reimbursements
- Subsection E allows the DAC to have the authority to enter into contracts and ‘perform any act in order to carry out the’ Program
- Subsection F has language clarifying that nothing in this section would prevent the legislature from appropriating money for this Program
- Subsection G would allow counties with 300K+ populations to participate in the pilot program
 - This would currently be up to 2 counties: Oklahoma & Tulsa county
 - Cleveland county being just on the outside

Section 2 would then have it be effective this coming November 1st.

Fiscal impact breakdown:

- Payments/reimbursements: roughly \$1.12M annually, or roughly \$750K during first year in FY26
 - For Tulsa county for the first half of 2024 there were a little less than 1,400 domestic violence examinations
 - Quick projection of doubling this amount for the full year, for roughly 2,800 exams in Tulsa county
 - Quickly assuming similar # of cases in Oklahoma county, there is estimated to be roughly 5,600 exams annually
 - With a maximum of \$200 per exam, then it would be roughly \$1.12M annually
 - Since the first year of the bill would only include up to 8 months of the program being active/effective, 8/12ths of \$1.12M is roughly \$750K for FY26
- Administration costs: roughly \$250K annually in payroll costs for 3 FTE
 - 1 program coordinator with a salary of roughly \$80K and total annual costs of a little over \$100K
 - At least 2 claims processing clerks to process the roughly 14K annual claims, each at roughly \$50K salary and total costs of \$70K each, or \$140K total annual
 - For the partial first year in FY26, the estimated cost is roughly \$170K, with the annual costs thereafter being roughly \$250K
- Training: at least \$100K
 - This program would require a specialized type of training in order for a medical professional to conduct the exam
 - At least 40 hours of ‘didactic domestic violence examiners course, as well as successful completion of clinical competence’

The above is the estimated fiscal impact for just Oklahoma & Tulsa counties. Subsection G would allow other counties to apply, subject to how much appropriations are provided by the legislature.

Therefore, the FA1 changes the fiscal impact of the measure to \$1,000,000 for FY26 and \$1,500,000 for FY27 onward.

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Other Considerations

None.