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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6158**

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**By** Senate Health & Long Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Dhingra, Cleveland, Wilson, C., Das, Darneille, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Lovelett, Randall, Stanford, and Carlyle)

READ FIRST TIME 01/23/20.

1 AN ACT Relating to model sexual assault protocols for hospitals  
2 and clinics; creating a new section; and providing an expiration  
3 date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) The sexual assault coordinated  
6 community response task force is established within the office of the  
7 attorney general with members as provided in this subsection. The  
8 purpose of the task force is to develop model protocols ensuring that  
9 adult or minor sexual assault victims receive a coordinated community  
10 response when presenting for care at any hospital or clinic following  
11 a sexual assault.

12 (b)(i) The caucus leaders from the senate shall appoint one  
13 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

14 (ii) The caucus leaders from the house of representatives shall  
15 appoint one member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house  
16 of representatives.

17 (iii) The attorney general, in consultation with the legislative  
18 members of the task force, shall appoint:

19 (A) One member representing each of the following:

20 (I) The Washington state association of sheriffs and police  
21 chiefs;

1 (II) The Washington association of prosecuting attorneys;  
2 (III) The Washington defender association or the Washington  
3 association of criminal defense lawyers;  
4 (IV) The Washington association of cities;  
5 (V) The Washington association of county officials;  
6 (VI) The Washington superior court judges association;  
7 (VII) The Washington coalition of sexual assault programs;  
8 (VIII) The office of crime victims advocacy;  
9 (IX) The Washington state hospital association;  
10 (X) The office of the attorney general; and  
11 (XI) The Washington state medical association;  
12 (B) Two providers from a community sexual assault program, one  
13 representative from a program serving an urban community, and one  
14 representative from a program serving a rural community;  
15 (C) Two members representing survivors of sexual assault;  
16 (D) Two members representing sexual assault nurse examiners, one  
17 representative of a sexual assault nurse examiner serving an urban  
18 community, and one representative of a sexual assault nurse examiner  
19 serving a rural community;  
20 (E) Two members representing children's advocacy centers, one  
21 representative from a center serving an urban community, and one  
22 representative from a center serving a rural community.  
23 (2) The duties of the task force include, but are not limited to:  
24 (a) Researching, reviewing, and making recommendations for best  
25 practice models in this state and from other states for collaborative  
26 and coordinated responses to sexual assault victims beginning with  
27 their arrival at a hospital or clinic;  
28 (b) Researching and identifying any existing gaps in trauma-  
29 informed, victim-centered care and support and sexual assault victim  
30 resources in Washington;  
31 (c) Researching, identifying, and making recommendations for  
32 securing nonstate funding for implementing a standardized and  
33 coordinated community response to provide appropriate support for  
34 sexual assault victims;  
35 (d) Researching, identifying, and making recommendations for any  
36 legislative policy options for providing a coordinated community  
37 response for victims of sexual assault; and  
38 (e) Collaborating with the legislature, state agencies, medical  
39 facilities, and local governments to implement coordinated community  
40 responses for sexual assault victims consistent with best practices

1 and standardized protocols including but not limited to issues of  
2 access to sexual assault specific services, potential for assistance  
3 from the crime victims' compensation program, legal advocacy from  
4 system-based and community-based advocates, privacy of medical  
5 records, and access to necessary information among responding  
6 professionals and service providers.

7 (3) The office of the attorney general shall administer and  
8 provide staff support to the task force.

9 (4) Legislative members of the task force must be reimbursed for  
10 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative  
11 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are  
12 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW  
13 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

14 (5) The task force must meet no less than twice annually.

15 (6) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations  
16 to the appropriate committees of the legislature and the governor by  
17 December 1st of each year.

18 (7) This section expires December 31, 2022.

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