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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) A sexual assault nurse examiner;
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; and
15 (C) Two members representing survivors of sexual assault.
16 (2) The duties of the task force include, but are not limited to:
17 (a) Researching, reviewing, and making recommendations for best
18 practice models in this state and from other states for collaborative
19 and coordinated responses to sexual assault victims beginning with
20 their arrival at a hospital or clinic;
21 (b) Researching and identifying any existing gaps in trauma-
22 informed, victim-centered care and support and sexual assault victim
23 resources in Washington;
24 (c) Researching, identifying, and making recommendations for
25 securing nonstate funding for implementing a standardized and
26 coordinated community response to provide appropriate support for
27 sexual assault victims;
28 (d) Researching, identifying, and making recommendations for any
29 legislative policy options for providing a coordinated community
30 response for victims of sexual assault; and
31 (e) Collaborating with the legislature, state agencies, medical
32 facilities, and local governments to implement coordinated community
33 responses for sexual assault victims consistent with best practices
34 and standardized protocols including but not limited to issues of
35 access to sexual assault specific services, potential for assistance
36 from the crime victims' compensation program, legal advocacy from
37 system-based and community-based advocates, privacy of medical
38 records, and access to necessary information among responding
39 professionals and service providers.

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

3 (4) Legislative members of the task force must be reimbursed for
4 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
5 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are
6 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
7 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

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

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

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

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