

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2021**

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**SENATE BILL 561**

Short Title:    Increase Funding for Rape Victim Assistance. (Public)

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Sponsors:     Senators Marcus, Murdock, and Mayfield (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:   Rules and Operations of the Senate

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April 7, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT PAID BY THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF RAPE AND SEX OFFENSES TO A MEDICAL FACILITY OR MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL FOR FORENSIC MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 143B-1200 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 143B-1200. Assistance Program for Victims of Rape and Sex Offenses.**

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(d) Eligible Expenses. – Medical facilities and medical professionals who perform forensic medical examinations shall do so using a Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit. Payments by the Program for the forensic medical examination shall be limited to the following:

Service	Maximum Amount Paid by Program
Physician or SANE Nurse	<del>\$350.00</del> <u>\$700.00</u>
Hospital/Facility Fee	<del>\$250.00</del> <u>\$500.00</u>
Other Expenses Deemed Eligible by the Program	\$200.00
Total:	<del>\$800.00</del> <u>\$1,400.00</u>

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**SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety the sum of one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) in recurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be used to administer the Assistance Program for Victims of Rape and Sex Offenses in accordance with this act.

**SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021, and applies to forensic medical examinations conducted on or after that date.

