

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC  
EXAMINERS PROGRAM  
HOUSE BILL NO. 6361**

Victims of sexual assault require specialized treatment and services when entering a hospital facility after suffering the devastating trauma of being sexually assaulted. Significant progress has been made to address the unique needs of sexual assault victims; however, this bill addresses the immediate needs of the victim during the most crucial time—the time of reporting the sexual assault.

The registered nurses and physicians participating in this program will have specialized training to be able to respond appropriately to victims of sexual assault and to provide victims with the necessary information regarding personal options and services that are available. Too often, victims of sexual assault are enduring long and painful hours at the emergency room, traumatized and violated. The forensic exam experience, without the benefit of this program, can have irreparable harm to a victim and compound the injuries associated with the sexual assault.

**I encourage your support of House Bill No. 6361.**

**My personal support for this bill:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday, March 25, 2009**

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

**Victims' Voice Day!**