

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>Hb2546</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Please see previous summary of this measure</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 2546 creates the "Sexual Assault Victims' Right to Information Act". The measure provides definitions and provides that a sexual assault victim retains all the rights of this act regardless of whether the victim agrees to participate in the criminal justice system at any time and regardless of whether the victim agrees to receive a medical evidentiary examination to collect sexual assault forensic evidence. The bill provides that a sexual assault victim has a right to consult with a sexual assault advocate during any examination or interview. The bill provides that any medical expenses related to the medical evidentiary examination or treatment of the victim are not to be charged directly to the victim. The victim is to be notified of their rights prior to a medical evidentiary or physical examination. The victim is to be notified of their right to consult a sexual assault advocate prior to being interviewed by law enforcement or the district attorney. The measure provides that a sexual assault victim has the right to request and receive the results and status of the analysis of the sexual assault forensic evidence of the victim. The measure states that a law enforcement officer or medical provider is to provide the victim with a document to be developed by the Office of the Attorney General that explains the rights of sexual assault victims. Crime laboratories are to retain forensic evidence for a minimum of 50 years or until the victim reaches 40 years of age if the victim was minor. The measure requires medical personnel to inform victims of sexual assault of their rights.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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**Other Considerations**

None.