

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 216

By Senator Woelfel

[Introduced February 12, 2025; referred
to the Committee Health and Human Resources; and
then to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
2 designated §18B-4-11, relating to requiring state intuitions of higher education, to the
3 extent feasible, to provide to their students without charge and in a manner that protects
4 student confidentiality transportation to and from a local hospital for a trained health care
5 provider to administer a sexual assault forensic medical examination kit where a student
6 seeks support after experiencing sexual violence.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia: _

ARTICLE 4. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

§18B-4-11. Medical examinations transportation services for students who seek support

after experiencing sexual violence.

1 (a) Commencing with the 2026–2027 academic school year, state institutions of higher
2 education shall, to the extent practicable and necessary, provide to students who request and are
3 eligible to receive a sexual assault forensic medical examination, transportation to and from a local
4 hospital for a trained health care provider to administer a sexual assault forensic medical
5 examination kit. All of the following shall apply to the provision of transportation services, to the
6 extent practicable.

7 (b) Transportation shall be provided without charge and in a manner that protects student
8 safety and confidentiality.

9 (c) Transportation may include, but is not limited to, transportation by any of the following, if
10 the student agrees to the transportation:

11 (1) Staff member of a rape crisis center, or community-based organization.

12 (2) Staff member on campus of the state institution of higher education.

13 (3) Ride share services.

14 (4) Law enforcement.

15 This subsection does not require a student to accept transportation by law enforcement.

16 Campuses of state institutions of higher education shall establish at least one option for

- 17 transportation that is not in a law enforcement vehicle.
- 18 (d) The requirement shall be as uniform among the state institutions of higher education as
- 19 is practicable and shall take into consideration the unique conditions or circumstances of each
- 20 institution.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require state intuitions of higher education, to the extent feasible, to provide to their students without charge and in a manner that protects student confidentiality, transportation to and from a local hospital for a trained health care provider to administer a sexual assault forensic medical examination kit where a student seeks support after experiencing sexual violence.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.