

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 125**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

By Senator Woelfel

[Introduced January 14, 2026; referred  
to the Committee on 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 2027–2028 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.