

# **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.