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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 81

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BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Training for Investigators of Sexual Assault Cases.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Crider

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Olthoff

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires certain training for sexual assault investigators. It mandates that the Law Enforcement Training Board set specialized standards for training and investigating sexual assault cases involving adult victims.

Effective Date: July 1, 2021.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Training Development-* This bill requires the Law Enforcement Training Board (LETB) to develop and implement training for officers who regularly investigate sexual assaults against adults. Approval of the course is within the LETB's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

The curriculum will be developed by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA). The bill's requirements represent an additional workload on the Academy outside its routine administrative functions, and existing staffing and resource levels, if currently being used to capacity, may be insufficient for full implementation. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to develop this program will depend on legislative and administrative actions.

Implementing Training- The LETB will likely implement the training initially at ILEA. It may also implement training at satellite academies across the state. Training the instructors, refining the program of instruction, and developing course material constitutes additional short-term workload and conducting the training on a regular basis constitutes an ongoing workload increase at ILEA and any other academies involved in the process. Existing personnel and appropriations may be insufficient to meet the requirements.

Training Requirements: This bill requires that law enforcement officers who regularly investigate sexual assaults against adults complete the training developed by the LETB. This will require state law enforcement agencies who employ sexual assault investigators to comply with the training standards developed by the LETB, which may include both initial and ongoing training requirements. Training costs are likely to include course tuition and fees and, for officers traveling outside commuter distance, lodging costs. These provisions also constitute a workload increase for those investigators. Agencies may also opt to host outside instructors or have training personnel certified to instruct the course.

Additional Information: Training Development- Statutorily-mandated training is developed by ILEA and approved by the LETB. ILEA currently has no full-time curriculum development or curriculum review staff. The personnel necessary to develop this program of instruction would either come from existing ILEA instructors, which would significantly increase ILEA's reliance on support from outside instructors, or from newly-hired or contracted staff. To the extent that such training has been implemented by individual agencies, that training has been proprietary in nature and has not been subject to review or approval by the LETB.

Implementing Training- Training will be available no later than July 1, 2022. After July 1, 2023, affected personnel must complete training within 1 year of being assigned as a sexual assault investigator. This could result in peak demand for the course occurring during FY 2023. Qualified personnel will need to be recruited and trained as instructors during FY 2022.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Tuition and Fees:* ILEA may charge tuition and fees for investigators attending training. These fees are deposited into the ILEA's legal fund. Other state agencies that opt to host training may also charge a course fee. Any revenue increase associated with this training is probably minimal and likely will not fully offset the additional costs incurred to offer the training.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Training Requirements:* This bill requires that law enforcement officers who regularly investigate sexual assaults against adults complete the training developed by the LETB. This will require local law enforcement agencies to comply with the training standards developed by the LETB, which may include both initial and ongoing training requirements. Training costs for most local units are likely to include course tuition and fees and, for officers traveling outside commuter distance, lodging costs. These provisions also constitute a workload increase for those investigators. Local units may also incur costs if they host instructors or conduct this training with LETB-certified instructors.

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Tuition and Fees:* If a local unit hosts LETB-certified training, it may charge tuition and fees for investigators attending training. Any revenue increase associated with this training is probably minimal and may not fully offset the additional costs incurred to offer the training.

State Agencies Affected: Law Enforcement Training Board; Indiana Law Enforcement Academy; Law enforcement agencies.

Local Agencies Affected: Law enforcement agencies; LETB-certified satellite academies.

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