

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: 2019-560

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: August 13, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS

Date of Analysis: August 13, 2019

Type of Action: Appropriation, subcontract authorization, position authorization and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$543,289.35 in grant funds from the U. S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, through the State Attorney's Office, Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, under the FY 2018 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative. This bill also approves a new grant funded JSO position, and authorizes the Subcontract between the State Attorney's Office, 4th Judicial Circuit, and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. The grant period is from October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2021. The JSO Department of Investigations and Homeland Security will oversee the project.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide salaries and benefits to one full-time cold case detective in FY 2020 and FY 2021 who will work exclusively on the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative. The Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) seeks to reduce the number of non-submitted sexual assault kits held in evidence in order to support the investigation and prosecution of these cases. SAKI will also examine policies that created the backlogged inventory. The duties of the detective will include traveling to collect lawfully owned DNA evidence, and to purchase of additional supplies to facilitate the collection and testing of DNA evidence. DNA Testing will be performed by FDLE.

Policy Impact Area: National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$543,289.35 as initiated by B.T. 20-007. No local match is required.

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