Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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By: Representative Petty

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT MEDICAL LEGAL EXAMINATIONS; CONCERNING THE COLLECTION AND TESTING OF DNA DURING A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT MEDICAL LEGAL EXAMINATIONS; AND CONCERNING THE COLLECTION AND TESTING OF DNA DURING A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-403(b)(1), concerning a victim’s being exempt from paying for a medical-legal examination, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) All victims shall be exempted from the payment of expenses incurred as a result of receiving a medical-legal examination if the victim receives the medical-legal examination within seventy-two (72) ninety-six (96) hours of the attack.

(B) However, the seventy-two-hour time limitation of ninety-six (96) hours may be waived if the victim is a minor or if the Crime Victims Reparations Board finds that good cause exists for the failure to provide the medical-legal examination within the required time.