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House Bill 5245 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Representative David Robertson
House Committee: Health Policy
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to refer to the report of a licensed physician's assistant or certified nurse practitioner regarding the condition of an individual ordered to submit to a physical exam.

Under the Act, a court, board, or commission, or other public body or officer may order an individual to submit to a physical examination. A copy of any written report and findings rendered by the examining physician relative to the person's condition must be delivered to the individual or his or her attorney. The bill would refer to the report and findings of a "licensed" physician, a licensed physician's assistant, or a certified nurse practitioner. The bill specifies that these provisions, as amended by the bill, would not require new or additional third-party reimbursement or worker's compensation benefits for services rendered.

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FISCAL IMPACT

To the extent that the bill would reduce the cost of physical examinations by allowing nurse practitioners and physician's assistants to perform them, it would result in savings to State and local governments. In the case of indigent individuals, the courts now bear the cost of those examinations. Additionally, in cases in which a physical examination proves a defendant not guilty or otherwise not liable, the prosecution is responsible for the costs of the examination. There are no data on the number of these examinations.

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