

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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House Bill 20

"An Act relating to sexual assault; relating to the definitions of 'without consent' and consent'; relating to failure to report a violent crime; relating to sexual misconduct under the code of military justice; requiring law enforcement agencies to test sexual assault examination kits; requiring notification of completion of testing; relating to reports on untested sexual assault examination kits; and providing for an effective date." ."

Summary of Changes

HB20 initially related only to the time frame with which law enforcement agencies were required to test sexual assault kits and provided an effective date.

HB 20 Version S includes

- Time frame for sending kits from law enforcement agencies to laboratories (30 days)
- Time frame for laboratories to complete testing within 6 months
- Requirement for victim notification of completion of testing process within two weeks
- Language to clearly define 'consent' and replace language that stated without consent. Necessary conforming changes were required to include this language.
- The mention of 'without consent of a child' was removed as a child is never capable of giving meaningful consent to sexual contact.
- Adds language to sexual assault statutes that adds "or should reasonably know" when a person is unable to give consent.
- Requirements for the reporting to the department of Public Safety and then to the legislature to include data regarding the number and reasons of why certain kits are ineligible for testing.