

House Bill 275: Sexual Assault Examination Kits/Tracking

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What does the bill do?

- Requires healthcare providers to notify law enforcement within seven days that a sexual assault examination kit is complete and ready to be sent to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) crime lab
- Mandates the use of the sexual assault examination kit tracking system for law enforcement, medical providers, and the DPS crime lab
- Provides victims access to the sexual assault kit tracking system and to opt in or out of automated notifications



How can this bill help victims?

- Provides victims with an online portal to track the location and status of their kit from initial submission to final testing
- Provides victims the option to receive text or email notifications on the status of the kit in a trauma informed way
- Provides areas within the portal for contact information, resource information, and a list of frequently asked questions about the portal



Why is this bill needed?

- Increases transparency of sexual assault examination kit testing for victims throughout the process
- Requires specific timeliness for the transmission and testing of sexual assault examination kits for all stakeholders
- Repeals duplicative work in tracking and inventorying untested sexual assault examination kits as this will be done through the sexual assault examination kit tracking system



Thank you!

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