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<b>Subject:</b> Provides relative to tracking of sexual assault kits.	

EVIDENCE OR +\$6,628,496 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2  
 Provides relative to tracking of sexual assault kits. (8/1/24)

Proposed legislation provides for the manner in which sexual assault evidence collection kits shall be processed. Proposed legislation allows for contracting with other laboratories to ensure each kit is tested and the information from the kit is entered into CODIS. This measure provides for the rights of sexual assault victims regarding the right to be informed of information related to the evidence obtained from processing a kit. Proposed legislation requires the laboratory to conduct a study and issue a report by 1/1/2025 to the Legislature that examines the resources required to implement a rape kit tracking system, which addresses certain matters.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$6,628,496	\$5,474,616	\$5,474,616	\$5,474,616	\$5,474,616	\$28,526,960
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$6,628,496</b>	<b>\$5,474,616</b>	<b>\$5,474,616</b>	<b>\$5,474,616</b>	<b>\$5,474,616</b>	<b>\$28,526,960</b>
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed legislation will result in a significant increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety (DPS), Office of State Police to develop a DNA crime laboratory with the ability to process and track sexual assault kits collected statewide for testing and analysis. This measure mandates the laboratory shall test sexual assault kits (SAKs) within 60 days. Currently, the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab (LSPCL) receives approximately 400 SAKs for processing each year while an average of 1,400 SAK are reported to the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE). LSPCL anticipates receiving an additional estimated 1,000 kits per year to test and analyze as a result of this measure.

To accommodate the increase in SAKs and to process each within 60 days, DPS reports that the staffing requirements necessary to operate an effective high-throughput crime lab would likely incorporate 28 new T.O. positions. DPS also anticipates a \$115,000 (5,000 square feet x \$25 per square foot) expenditure to lease a facility to accommodate the additional staff and equipment. The LFO toured the LSPCL facility in December 2023 and can confirm that any increase in staffing and/or caseload will necessitate additional workspace. To the extent the LSPCL contracts with other laboratories to ensure compliance with proposed legislation, some workspace expenditures may be mitigated. However, additional costs may be incurred by LSPCL from contracting when evidence is transferred to another lab for processing. LSPCL reports the cost of an Analyst to travel and provide testimony when evidence is transferred to another lab is approximately \$2,000 per occurrence. The net effect of contracting with other laboratories is indeterminable at this time.

Additionally, this measure requires the LSPCL to issue a report to the Legislature by 1/1/25 detailing resources required to implement a tracking system that addresses specific items. However, the Louisiana Law Enforcement Commission (LCLE) is required to collect information from criminal justice agencies on all sexually-oriented criminal offenses and SAKs in their jurisdiction. To the extent LCLE will be relieved of any reporting requirements, staffing and resources may be redirected toward other responsibilities.

Details of the estimated expenditures are displayed in the table on page two.


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**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

  
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<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>
(22) Crime Lab Analyst 1,2,3,4	\$1,648,284	\$1,697,733	\$1,748,664	\$1,801,124	\$1,855,158
(1) Crime Lab Technical Specialist	\$80,163	\$82,568	\$85,045	\$87,596	\$90,224
(4) Crime Lab Supervisor	\$343,116	\$353,409	\$364,012	\$374,932	\$386,180
(1) Crime Lab Manager	<u>\$98,197</u>	<u>\$101,143</u>	<u>\$104,177</u>	<u>\$107,303</u>	<u>\$110,522</u>
Position Salaries	\$2,169,760	\$2,234,853	\$2,301,898	\$2,370,955	\$2,442,084
Related Benefits	<u>\$1,282,416</u>	<u>\$1,310,244</u>	<u>\$1,338,906</u>	<u>\$1,368,427</u>	<u>\$1,398,835</u>
Total Personal Services	\$3,452,176	\$3,545,096	\$3,640,804	\$3,739,383	\$3,840,919
Total Training	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Services	\$123,400	\$123,400	\$123,400	\$123,400	\$123,400
Total Supplies	\$8,400	\$1,308,400	\$1,308,400	\$1,308,400	\$1,308,400
Total Acquisitions	\$2,546,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,000
Total IAT	<u>\$327,720</u>	<u>\$327,720</u>	<u>\$327,720</u>	<u>\$327,720</u>	<u>\$327,720</u>
Total Expenditures	\$6,628,496	\$5,474,616	\$5,570,324	\$5,498,903	\$5,618,439

\* In the ensuing fiscal years, a 3% increase is factored in the salaries and related benefits for market rate adjustments (merits).

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