



1 forensic examinations, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and other entities in custody  
2 of the kits to update and track the status and location of the kits, allows victims of sexual  
3 assault to anonymously track or receive updates regarding the status of their kits, and uses  
4 electronic technology allowing continuous access; and

5 WHEREAS, it is important that sexual assault victims have access to information  
6 about the status of their sexual assault collection kits; and

7 WHEREAS, a sexual assault collection kit tracking system would provide the state  
8 with comprehensive information about the amount of kits submitted, the testing status of the  
9 kits, and testing time frames; and

10 WHEREAS, it is crucial that as the tracking system develops, victim privacy is  
11 strictly upheld to protect the victim's identity and safety.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
13 direct the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab and the Louisiana attorney general to study and  
14 make recommendations on the implementation of and protocols for the effective use of a  
15 sexual assault collection kit tracking system, and to report their findings to the legislature  
16 no later than January 1, 2018.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab and the  
18 Louisiana attorney general are directed to identify all other crime labs in Louisiana, in  
19 addition to the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab, that analyze sexual assault collection kits.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab and the  
21 Louisiana attorney general are directed to study and report the costs of implementation and  
22 use of a sexual assault collection kit tracking system.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab and the  
24 Louisiana attorney general are directed to study and report the benefits of using a sexual  
25 assault collection kit tracking system and to review programs and protocols from other  
26 jurisdictions throughout the United States, to identify best practices from those jurisdictions  
27 that have successfully implemented and used a sexual assault collection kit tracking system.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in studying and developing the  
29 recommendations for the implementation of a sexual assault collection kit tracking system  
30 in Louisiana, the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab and the Louisiana attorney general are

1 directed to solicit and obtain input from the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and  
2 Administration of Criminal Justice, the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault,  
3 Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response, and other stakeholders, including but not limited  
4 to healthcare professionals, law enforcement agencies, crime labs that analyze sexual assault  
5 collection kits, and prosecutors, as are necessary for the implementation of a sexual assault  
6 collection kit tracking system.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted  
8 to the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab and the Louisiana attorney general.

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#### DIGEST

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Directs the La. State Police Crime Lab and the La. attorney general to study and make recommendations regarding the implementation of and protocols for the effective use of a sexual assault collection kit tracking system in La., and to report their findings to the legislature no later than Jan. 1, 2018.

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Require the attorney general to study and make recommendations, in conjunction with the state police crime lab, on the implementation of a sexual assault collection kit tracking system.
2. Direct the state police crime lab and the attorney general to solicit and obtain input from the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice, the La. Foundation Against Sexual Assault, Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response, and other stakeholders.
3. Make technical corrections.

#### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Direct the state police crime lab and the attorney general to identify all other crime labs in the state that analyze sexual assault collection kits and to solicit and obtain input from the crime labs.