

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 378****2023 Regular Session****DeVillier**

CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE: Provides relative to the DNA database exchange

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds that the separate population database comprised of DNA samples may also be used to reduce the rape kit backlog at the La. State Police crime lab.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law authorizes state police to create a separate population database comprised of DNA samples after all personal identification is removed. Further authorizes state police to share or disseminate the population database with other criminal justice agencies or crime laboratories that serve to assist state police with statistical databases.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the population database may be used for the following:

- (1) To assist federal, state, and local criminal justice and law enforcement agencies in the identification and detection of individuals in criminal investigations or in declared or non-declared disaster victim identification.
- (2) For a population statistics database.
- (3) For identification and protocol development purposes.
- (4) For quality control purposes.
- (5) To reduce the rape kit backlog at the La. State Police crime lab.

Proposed law requires state police to maintain the separate population database and requires that the database is subject to the same disclosure prohibitions as the state data bank pursuant to present law (R.S. 15:617).

(Amends R.S. 15:612(A)(intro. para.), (B), and (C))