

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 HB0014

Introduced 1/9/2019, by Rep. Mary E. Flowers

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

725 ILCS 202/21 new

Amends the Sexual Assault Evidence Submission Act. Provides that the Department of State Police shall create and operate a statewide sexual assault evidence kit tracking system. Provides that on and after the effective date of the amendatory Act, each sexual assault evidence kit created shall have a tracking mechanism attached to the kit for input into the statewide sexual assault evidence kit tracking system. Provides that every sexual assault evidence kit shall have the tracking mechanism attached to the kit for input into the statewide sexual assault evidence kit tracking system on or before January 1, 2020. Provides that the statewide sexual assault evidence kit tracking system shall: (1) track the location and status of sexual assault evidence kits throughout the criminal justice process, including the initial collection in examinations performed at medical facilities, receipt at local law enforcement agencies, and receipt and analysis at forensic laboratories; (2) allow medical facilities performing sexual assault forensic examinations, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, State and local crime laboratories, and other entities who have physical custody of sexual assault evidence kits to update and track the status and location of sexual assault evidence kits; (3) allow victims of sexual assault to anonymously track and receive updates regarding the status of their sexual assault evidence kits; and (4) use technology to allow continuous access for appropriate personnel. Effective July 1, 2019.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Sexual Assault Evidence Submission Act is amended by adding Section 21 as follows:
- 6 (725 ILCS 202/21 new)
- 7 <u>Sec. 21. Sexual assault evidence kit tracking system.</u>
- 8 (a) In this Section:
- "Sexual assault evidence kit" means an Illinois State
 Police Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit as defined in
 Section 1a of the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment
- 12 Act.

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(b) The Department of State Police shall create and operate 13 14 a statewide sexual assault evidence kit tracking system. On and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st 15 General Assembly, each sexual assault evidence kit created 16 17 shall have a tracking mechanism attached to the kit for input into the statewide sexual assault evidence kit tracking system. 18 19 Every sexual assault evidence kit shall have the tracking 20 mechanism attached for input into the statewide sexual assault 21 evidence kit tracking system on or before January 1, 2020. The 22 Department may contract with State and non-State entities,

including, but not limited to, private software or technology

| 1 | providers for the creation, operation, and maintenance of the |
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| 2 | statewide sexual assault evidence kit tracking system. |
| 3 | (c) The statewide sexual assault evidence kit tracking |
| 4 | <pre>system shall:</pre> |
| 5 | (1) track the location and status of sexual assault |
| 6 | evidence kits throughout the criminal justice process, |
| 7 | including the initial collection in examinations performed |
| 8 | at medical facilities, receipt at local law enforcement |
| 9 | agencies, and receipt and analysis at forensic |
| 10 | <u>laboratories;</u> |
| 11 | (2) allow medical facilities performing sexual assault |
| 12 | forensic examinations, law enforcement agencies, |
| 13 | prosecutors, State and local crime laboratories, and other |
| 14 | entities who have physical custody of sexual assault |
| 15 | evidence kits to update and track the status and location |
| 16 | of sexual assault evidence kits; |
| 17 | (3) allow victims of sexual assault to anonymously |
| 18 | track and receive updates regarding the status of their |
| 19 | sexual assault evidence kits; and |
| 20 | (4) use technology to allow continuous access for |
| 21 | appropriate personnel. |
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| 22 | Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, |
| 23 | 2019. |