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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

725 ILCS 203/10 725 ILCS 203/30

Amends the Sexual Assault Incident Procedure Act. Provides that, except for certain medical examiner or coroner investigations, whenever a person's DNA profile is collected due to the person being a victim of a sexual assault or sexual abuse, that specific profile collected in conjunction with that criminal investigation shall not be entered into any DNA database. Defines "DNA database".

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AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

4 Section 5. The Sexual Assault Incident Procedure Act is 5 amended by changing Sections 10 and 30 as follows:

6 (725 ILCS 203/10)

7 Sec. 10. Definitions. In this Act:

8 "Board" means the Illinois Law Enforcement Training9 Standards Board.

10 <u>"DNA database" means a collection of DNA profiles from</u> 11 <u>forensic casework or specimens from anonymous, identified, and</u> 12 <u>unidentified sources that are created to search DNA records</u> 13 <u>against each other to develop investigative leads among</u> 14 <u>forensic cases.</u>

"Evidence-based, trauma-informed, victim-centered" means 15 policies, procedures, programs, and practices that have been 16 17 demonstrated to minimize retraumatization associated with the criminal justice process by recognizing the presence of trauma 18 19 symptoms and acknowledging the role that trauma has played in a sexual assault or sexual abuse victim's life and focusing on 20 21 the needs and concerns of a victim that ensures compassionate and sensitive delivery of services in a nonjudgmental manner. 22

23 "Law enforcement agency having jurisdiction" means the law

1 enforcement agency in the jurisdiction where an alleged sexual 2 assault or sexual abuse occurred.

"Sexual assault evidence" means evidence collected in 3 connection with a sexual assault sexual 4 or abuse 5 investigation, including, but not limited to, evidence collected using the Illinois State Police Sexual Assault 6 7 Evidence Collection Kit as defined in Section 1a of the Sexual 8 Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act.

9 "Sexual assault or sexual abuse" means an act of 10 nonconsensual sexual conduct or sexual penetration, as defined 11 in Section 12-12 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or Section 11-0.1 12 of the Criminal Code of 2012, including, without limitation, acts prohibited under Sections 12-13 through 12-16 of the 13 Criminal Code of 1961 or Sections 11-1.20 through 11-1.60 of 14 the Criminal Code of 2012. 15

16 (Source: P.A. 99-801, eff. 1-1-17.)

17 (725 ILCS 203/30)

18 Sec. 30. Release and storage of sexual assault evidence.

(a) A law enforcement agency having jurisdiction that is notified by a hospital or another law enforcement agency that a victim of a sexual assault or sexual abuse has received a medical forensic examination and has completed an Illinois State Police Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit shall take custody of the sexual assault evidence as soon as practicable, but in no event more than 5 days after the completion of the

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1 medical forensic examination.

2 (a-5) A State's Attorney who is notified under subsection (d) of Section 6.6 of the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency 3 Treatment Act that a hospital is in possession of sexual 4 5 assault evidence shall, within 72 hours, contact the appropriate law enforcement agency to request that the law 6 enforcement agency take immediate physical custody of the 7 sexual assault evidence. 8

9 (b) The written report prepared under Section 20 of this 10 Act shall include the date and time the sexual assault 11 evidence was picked up from the hospital and the date and time 12 the sexual assault evidence was sent to the laboratory in 13 accordance with the Sexual Assault Evidence Submission Act.

(c) If the victim of a sexual assault or sexual abuse or a 14 person authorized under Section 6.5 of the Sexual Assault 15 16 Survivors Emergency Treatment Act has consented to allow law 17 enforcement to test the sexual assault evidence, the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction shall submit the sexual 18 assault evidence for testing in accordance with the Sexual 19 20 Assault Evidence Submission Act. No law enforcement agency having jurisdiction may refuse or fail to send sexual assault 21 22 evidence for testing that the victim has released for testing.

23 (c-5) Except as otherwise provided in Section 9.5 of the 24 Criminal Identification Act or Section 3-3013 of the Counties 25 Code, whenever a person's DNA profile is collected due to the 26 person being a victim of a sexual assault or sexual abuse, that

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# specific profile collected in conjunction with that criminal investigation shall not be entered into any DNA database.

3 (d) A victim shall have 10 years from the completion of an Illinois State Police Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit, 4 5 or 10 years from the age of 18 years, whichever is longer, to sign a written consent to release the sexual assault evidence 6 7 to law enforcement for testing. If the victim or a person authorized under Section 6.5 of the Sexual Assault Survivors 8 9 Emergency Treatment Act does not sign the written consent at 10 the completion of the medical forensic examination, the victim 11 or person authorized by Section 6.5 of the Sexual Assault 12 Survivors Emergency Treatment Act may sign the written release 13 at the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction, or in the presence of a sexual assault advocate who may deliver the 14 15 written release to the law enforcement agency having 16 jurisdiction. The victim may also provide verbal consent to 17 the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction and shall verify the verbal consent via email or fax. Upon receipt of 18 written or verbal consent, the law enforcement agency having 19 jurisdiction shall submit the sexual assault evidence for 20 testing in accordance with the Sexual Assault Evidence 21 22 Submission Act. No law enforcement agency having jurisdiction 23 may refuse or fail to send the sexual assault evidence for testing that the victim has released for testing. 24

(e) The law enforcement agency having jurisdiction whospeaks to a victim who does not sign a written consent to

1 release the sexual assault evidence prior to discharge from 2 the hospital shall provide a written notice to the victim that 3 contains the following information:

4 (1) where the sexual assault evidence will be stored 5 for 10 years;

6 (2) notice that the victim may sign a written release 7 to test the sexual assault evidence at any time during the 8 10-year period by contacting the law enforcement agency 9 having jurisdiction or working with a sexual assault 10 advocate;

(3) the name, phone number, and email address of the
law enforcement agency having jurisdiction; and

13 (4) the name and phone number of a local rape crisis14 center.

Each law enforcement agency shall develop a protocol for providing this information to victims as part of the written policies required in subsection (a) of Section 15 of this Act.

(f) A law enforcement agency must develop a protocol for responding to victims who want to sign a written consent to release the sexual assault evidence and to ensure that victims who want to be notified or have a designee notified prior to the end of the 10-year period are provided notice.

(g) Nothing in this Section shall be construed as limiting the storage period to 10 years. A law enforcement agency having jurisdiction may adopt a storage policy that provides for a period of time exceeding 10 years. If a longer period of

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- 1 time is adopted, the law enforcement agency having 2 jurisdiction shall notify the victim or designee in writing of 3 the longer storage period.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 99-801, eff. 1-1-17; 100-1087, eff. 1-1-19.)