

Proposed law defines "reported sexual assault collection kit" as a kit that contains a human biological specimen or specimens collected during a forensic medical examination from the victim of a sexually-oriented criminal offense who reported the crime to law enforcement.

Proposed law defines "sexual assault collection kit" as a kit that is designed to assist in the preservation of a human biological specimen or specimens collected during a forensic medical examination from the victim of a sexually-oriented criminal offense.

Proposed law defines "sexually-oriented criminal offense" as sexual assault offenses and sexual abuse offenses as defined in certain criminal statutes.

Proposed law defines "unreported sexual assault collection kit" as a kit that contains a human biological specimen or specimens collected during a forensic medical examination from the victim of a sexually-oriented criminal offense who declined to report the crime to law enforcement.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Add R.S. 15:623)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Changes deadline for annual reporting by criminal justice agencies from Jan. 15th to February 15th.
2. Changes the agency to whom criminal justice agencies must submit reports from the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association and the Louisiana Auditor to the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice.
3. Adds to the information to be submitted by criminal justice agencies the specific number of sexual assault collection kits received, requiring analysis, and remaining untested as well as a written indication of when the specific information required is not applicable to the particular criminal justice agency.
4. Adds requirement for crime labs to annually report backlog.
5. Adds definition for reported and unreported sexual assault collection kits.