

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides for the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), which is the Federal Bureau of Investigation's national DNA identification index system allowing the storage and exchange of DNA records submitted by state and local forensic DNA laboratories.

New law requires La. State Police (LSP) to serve as the central repository for tracking of outstanding CODIS hits in Louisiana.

New law requires LSP to create and operate a statewide outstanding CODIS hit tracking system. New law further authorizes the LSP to contract with public or private entities, including but not limited to private software and technology providers, for the creation and maintenance of the system.

New law requires the statewide outstanding CODIS hit tracking system to accomplish all of the following:

- (1) Track the status of the CODIS hits sent to criminal justice agencies that have not been resolved within 90 days.
- (2) Allow criminal justice agencies to update and track the status of outstanding CODIS hits.
- (3) Use electronic technology in order to allow continuous access.
- (4) Provide for cross jurisdictional data sharing with law enforcement agencies.

New law authorizes LSP to use a phased implementation process in order to launch the system and facilitate entry and use of the system for required participants according to the region or volume.

New law requires all law enforcement agencies that receive CODIS hit notifications, including CODIS-participating laboratories, investigating law enforcement agencies, district attorneys' offices, and agencies that aid in the identification of missing persons and human remains, to provide all required information to the tracking system and fully participate in the system no later than January 1, 2027.

New law requires LSP to submit an annual report on the statewide outstanding CODIS hit tracking system to the Senate Committee on Judiciary C, the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, the governor, and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library no later than March 1 of each year.

New law requires LSP to make public the current report on its website and include all of the following information:

- (1) The total number of outstanding CODIS hits in the system statewide and by jurisdiction.
- (2) The number of outstanding CODIS hits added to the system in the reporting period statewide and by jurisdiction.
- (3) The total number of outstanding CODIS hits that have been resolved in the system statewide and by jurisdiction.

New law provides that for the purpose of this report an outstanding CODIS hit will be assigned to the jurisdiction associated with both the CODIS-participating laboratory which processed the evidence associated with the unsolved case that received the CODIS hit, as well as the criminal justice agency that submitted the applicable evidence to the CODIS participating laboratory.

New law requires LSP to adopt rules as necessary to implement new law.

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