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Present law defines "CODIS" as the Combined DNA Index System, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's national DNA identification index system that allows the storage and exchange of DNA records submitted by state and local forensic DNA laboratories.

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

Proposed law requires the LSP to create and operate a statewide outstanding CODIS hit tracking system.

Proposed law 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.

Proposed 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.

Proposed law authorizes the 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.

Proposed 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.

Proposed law requires the LSP after implementation of the tracking system, 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.

Proposed law requires the 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.

Proposed law provides that for the purpose of the report an outstanding CODIS hit shall be assigned to the jurisdiction associated with both the CODIS-participating laboratory who 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.

Proposed law requires the LSP to adopt rules as necessary to implement proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 15:605.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Change the annual date for LSP to report certain information from July 31 to March 1.