

SENATE BILL NO. 54

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR GARDNER

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Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring a report on untested sexual assault examination kits; and providing**
2 **for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 REPORT ON UNTESTED SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION KITS. (a) By
7 July 1, 2015, each law enforcement agency and state department charged with the
8 maintenance, storage, and preservation of sexual assault examination kits shall conduct an
9 inventory of untested sexual assault examination kits and report, in writing, to the attorney
10 general the number of untested sexual assault examination kits in the possession of the agency
11 or department and the date on which each sexual assault examination kit was collected.

12 (b) By September 1, 2015, the attorney general shall prepare and transmit a report to
13 the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives that contains

14 (1) the number of untested sexual assault examination kits stored by each law

1 enforcement agency or department;

2 (2) the date each untested sexual assault examination kit was collected; and

3 (3) a plan for addressing the backlog and prevention of a backlog of untested
4 sexual assault examination kits.

5 (c) The attorney general shall deliver a copy of the report prepared under (b) of this
6 section to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of representatives and notify
7 the legislature that the report is available.

8 (d) In this section, "untested sexual assault examination kit" means a sexual assault
9 examination kit that has been collected but has not been submitted to a laboratory operated or
10 approved by the Department of Public Safety for either a serological or DNA test.

11 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).