

April 27, 2023

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 34**

DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the Indiana State Police to study Rapid Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) and provide a report with findings and recommendations to the Legislative Council before December 15, 2023.

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Tomes**

(HOUSE SPONSOR — MCNAMARA)

March 23, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.

April 11, 2023, reported favorably — Do Pass.

April 13, 2023, read second time, adopted by voice vote.

HOUSE ACTION

April 27, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.

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2 State Police to convene a working group to study Rapid
3 Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) and provide a report with
4 findings and recommendations to the Legislative Council before
5 December 15, 2023.

6 *Whereas, Rapid DNA analysis is a relatively new*
7 *technology where a DNA profile can be developed in less than*
8 *two hours from a mouth swab through the use of a fully*
9 *automated instrument without human intervention or*
10 *interpretations;*

11 *Whereas, Since 2010, Rapid DNA has been shown to*
12 *dramatically impact law enforcement's ability to generate*
13 *investigative leads while an arrestee is still in custody by*
14 *enrolling a qualified arrestee's DNA profile into the Combined*
15 *DNA Index System, also known as "CODIS", during the*
16 *booking process and cross-searching the arrestee's information*
17 *within the CODIS database;*

18 *Whereas, CODIS is a computer software program*
19 *maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") that*
20 *allows state and local crime laboratories to store and compare*
21 *evidence from convicted offenders, unsolved crime scene*
22 *evidence, and missing persons to help solve crimes;*

23 *Whereas, The federal Rapid DNA Act of 2017 allows state*
24 *CODIS agencies to establish Rapid DNA programs within their*
25 *state in conjunction with the FBI so that Rapid DNA profiles*
26 *can be uploaded to CODIS;*

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1 *Whereas, Currently there are multiple local and state law*
2 *enforcement agencies exploring the use of Rapid DNA*
3 *technology;*

4 *Whereas, It would be beneficial for the Indiana State Police*
5 *to study Rapid DNA to determine the estimated cost of Rapid*
6 *DNA instruments and analysis supplies, the time and staff*
7 *resources that would be necessary for implementation, when*
8 *the process may be used, and what technology infrastructure is*
9 *required to connect Rapid DNA instruments to state and*
10 *national databases to solve crimes;*

11 *Whereas, Implementing a Rapid DNA program in Indiana*
12 *has the potential to help solve numerous unsolved crimes,*
13 *improve the administration of justice in Indiana, and bring*
14 *closure to Hoosier families; and*

15 *Whereas, The Indiana General Assembly directs the*
16 *Indiana State Police to convene a working group to study the*
17 *use of Rapid DNA in booking stations in Indiana, so that*
18 *arrestees' DNA profiles can be compared to unsolved crimes,*
19 *and to prepare a report with recommendations for possible*
20 *legislation to the Legislative Council before December 15,*
21 *2023: Therefore,*

22 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
23 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
24 *concurring:*

25 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly directs the
26 Indiana State Police to convene a working group to study and
27 prepare a report with findings and recommendations regarding
28 the use, cost, resources, and infrastructure needed for the Rapid
29 DNA program within the State of Indiana to the Legislative
30 Council by December 15, 2023.

31 SECTION 2. The Indiana General Assembly directs the
32 Indiana State Police to include representatives from the Indiana
33 State Police Laboratory, the CODIS State Administrator, the
34 Indiana Sheriffs Association, the Indiana Association of Chief
35 of Police, the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council, the



1 Indiana Public Defender Council, and the Indiana Office of
2 Technology or another information technology expert that is
3 familiar with criminal justice communication systems in the
4 working group.

5 SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
6 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Indiana State Police
7 and Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 34, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said resolution DO PASS.

(Reference is to SC 34 as introduced.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0

