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SENATE RESOLUTION No. 55

DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Indiana State Police to conduct a thorough audit of all untested sexual assault examination kits in the State and provide a report of the findings and recommendations to the Legislative Council before December 1, 2017.

**Crider, Houchin, Merritt, Mrvan,
Stoops**

April 10, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.
April 18, 2017, reported favorably — Do Pass.



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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Indiana State Police
2 to conduct a thorough audit of all untested sexual assault
3 examination kits in the State and provide a report of the
4 findings and recommendations to the Legislative Council before
5 December 1, 2017.

6 *Whereas, There are an undetermined number of untested*
7 *sexual assault examination kits in the State of Indiana;*

8 *Whereas, When tested, sexual assault examination kit*
9 *evidence can identify an unknown assailant, link crimes*
10 *together, and identify serial offenders;*

11 *Whereas, Sexual assault examination kit evidence can*
12 *confirm the presence of a known suspect, affirm the survivor's*
13 *account, discredit the suspect, and exonerate the innocent;*

14 *Whereas, Before the State of Indiana can begin addressing*
15 *the issue of the unknown number of untested sexual assault*
16 *examination kits, the number of untested kits must first be*
17 *determined;*

18 *Whereas, The testing of untested sexual assault*

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1 *examination kits is essential to the administration of justice in*
2 *the State of Indiana; and*

3 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana General Assembly*
4 *urges the Indiana State Police to conduct an audit of all*
5 *untested sexual assault examination kits in the State of Indiana*
6 *and provide a report of the findings and recommended*
7 *solutions of that audit to the Legislative Council before*
8 *December 1, 2017: Therefore,*

9 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
10 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

11 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the
12 Indiana State Police to conduct a thorough audit of all untested
13 sexual assault examination kits within the State, and that each
14 law enforcement agency, laboratory, or healthcare facility
15 responsible for the collection, storage, or maintenance of sexual
16 assault kits is expected to respond to the Indiana State Police
17 with details as to the number of untested kits possessed, and to
18 the extent possible, the reasons that the kits remain
19 unprocessed, and that the Indiana State Police report to the
20 Legislative Council the findings and recommended solutions of
21 that audit before December 1, 2017.

22 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
23 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Indiana State Police,
24 Governor Eric Holcomb, Michelle Kuiper, The Joyful Heart
25 Foundation, and the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Resolution No. 55, 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 SR 55 as introduced.)

LONG, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0

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