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A BILL

To enact section 109.67 of the Revised Code to 1
require the Attorney General to create and 2
maintain a statewide tracking system for the 3
processing of sexual assault examination kits. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 109.67 of the Revised Code be 5
enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 109.67. (A) In consultation with the attorney 7
general's advisory group on sexual assault examination kit 8
tracking, the attorney general shall develop recommendations for 9
establishing a statewide sexual assault examination kit tracking 10
system. Based on those recommendations, the attorney general 11
shall create, operate, and maintain the statewide tracking 12
system and shall identify and allocate money for that purpose 13
from the appropriate funds available to the attorney general. 14

(B) The attorney general may contract with state or 15
private entities, including private software and technology 16

providers, for the creation, operation, and maintenance of the 17
statewide tracking system. The tracking system shall do all of 18
the following: 19

(1) Track the status of sexual assault examination kits 20
from the collection site through the criminal justice process, 21
including the initial collection at medical facilities, 22
inventory and storage by law enforcement agencies, analysis at 23
crime laboratories, and storage or destruction after completion 24
of analysis. 25

(2) Allow all entities that receive, maintain, store, or 26
preserve sexual assault examination kits to update the status 27
and location of the kits. 28

(3) Allow individuals to anonymously access the statewide 29
tracking system regarding the location and status of their 30
sexual assault examination kit. 31

(C) Not later than one year after creation of the 32
statewide tracking system, all entities in the chain of custody 33
of sexual assault examination kits shall participate in the 34
system. 35

(D) The attorney general may adopt rules under Chapter 36
119. of the Revised Code to facilitate the implementation of the 37
statewide sexual assault examination kit tracking system 38
pursuant to this section. Except as provided in division (B) (3) 39
of this section, information contained in the statewide tracking 40
system is confidential and not subject to public disclosure. 41