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H.B. No. 2353

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the submission of evidence of sexual assault and other sex offenses for analysis by public accredited crime laboratories.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 420.042, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) A law enforcement agency that fails to submit evidence of a sexual assault or other sex offense to a public accredited crime laboratory within the period required by this section shall provide to the department written documentation of the failure, including a detailed explanation for the failure. The agency shall submit the documentation required by this subsection on or before the 30th day after the date on which the agency discovers that the evidence was not submitted within the period required by this section.

SECTION 2. Section 420.042(g), Government Code, as added by this Act, applies to evidence of a sexual assault or other sex offense in possession of a law enforcement agency on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.