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H.B. No. 2463

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the tracking of evidence of sexual assault and other sex offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Section 420.035(a), Government Code, as added by Chapter 408 (H.B. 8), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(a) If a health care facility or other entity that performs a medical examination to collect evidence of a sexual assault or other sex offense receives signed, written consent to release the evidence as provided by Section 420.0735, the facility or entity shall:

(1) promptly notify any law enforcement agency investigating the ~~alleged~~ offense; and

(2) not later than 24 hours after the examination is performed, enter the identification number of the evidence collection kit into the statewide electronic tracking system under Section 420.034.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to sexual assault evidence and evidence of other sex offenses collected on or after the effective date of this Act. Evidence collected before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the evidence was collected, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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