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S.B. No. 52

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the collection, analysis, and dissemination of information relating to certain sexual offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.049 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.049. SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORTING. (a) The department shall establish and maintain a central repository for the collection and analysis of information relating to the commission of an offense under Section 22.011 or 22.021, Penal Code, including information regarding the victim and the perpetrator of the offense and information indicating the results of any forensic medical examination described by Article 56.06, Code of Criminal Procedure, and the results of any prosecution of the offense. On establishing the repository, the department shall develop a procedure to monitor, record, classify, and analyze information under this subsection.

(b) Local law enforcement agencies shall report the commission of offenses under Sections 22.011 and 22.021, Penal Code, and other related information required by Subsection (a) in the form and manner and at regular intervals as prescribed by rules adopted by the department. The department shall summarize and analyze information received under this subsection and any other corresponding information possessed by the department.

1 (c) The department shall make information, records, and
2 statistics collected under this section available to any local law
3 enforcement agency, political subdivision, or state agency to the
4 extent the information is reasonably necessary or useful to the
5 agency or subdivision in carrying out duties imposed by law on the
6 agency or subdivision. This subsection may not be construed to
7 limit access to information, records, or statistics if access is
8 permitted by other law. Dissemination of the names of perpetrators
9 and victims is subject to all confidentiality requirements
10 otherwise imposed by law.

11 SECTION 2. The Department of Public Safety of the State of
12 Texas shall establish the rules and procedures necessary to comply
13 with Section 411.049, Government Code, as added by this Act, not
14 later than October 1, 2003.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.