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H.B. No. 2678

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the compilation and reporting of statistics involving  
3 sexual assault victims who receive a forensic medical examination  
4 before reporting the assault to law enforcement.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 56, Code of Criminal  
7 Procedure, is amended by adding Article 56.0651 to read as follows:

8 Art. 56.0651. DELAYED REPORTING BY SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS;  
9 COMPILATION OF STATISTICS. (a) In this article, "department"  
10 means the Department of Public Safety.

11 (b) The department shall compile and maintain statistics on  
12 the number of victims of sexual assault in each calendar year who  
13 have reported the sexual assault to a law enforcement agency after  
14 receiving a forensic medical examination under Article 56.065,  
15 regardless of the year in which that examination was performed.  
16 Statistics compiled and maintained under this subsection may not  
17 include identifying information of a victim.

18 (c) Not later than September 1 of each even-numbered year,  
19 the department shall:

20 (1) report the statistics compiled by the department  
21 under Subsection (b) to the standing committees of the house of  
22 representatives and senate with primary jurisdiction over criminal  
23 justice issues; and

24 (2) post the statistics compiled by the department

1 under Subsection (b) on the department's Internet website.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.