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H.B. No. 3288

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reporting of unanalyzed evidence of sexual assault or other sex offenses by law enforcement agencies and public accredited crime laboratories.

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

SECTION 1. Section 420.045, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 420.045. REPORT OF UNANALYZED EVIDENCE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OR OTHER SEX OFFENSE. (a) In this section:

(1) "Backlog kit" means an evidence collection kit that has been in the possession of a public accredited crime laboratory for more than 90 days.

(2) "Unsubmitted kit" means an evidence collection kit in a law enforcement agency's possession that has not yet been submitted to a public accredited crime laboratory.

(b) Each law enforcement agency [~~and public accredited crime laboratory~~] shall submit a quarterly report to the department identifying the number of unsubmitted kits in the law enforcement agency's possession.

(c) Each public accredited crime laboratory shall submit a quarterly report to the department identifying the number of evidence collection kits [~~that the law enforcement agency has not yet submitted for laboratory analysis or~~] for which the crime laboratory has not yet completed an analysis, including the number

1 of those evidence collection kits that are backlog kits [~~as~~
2 ~~applicable~~].

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.