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H.B. No. 1775

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reporting information regarding certain evidence collection kits.

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

SECTION 1. Section 420.034, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (h) and adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(h) Not later than December 1 of each year, the department shall submit a report to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and members of the legislature identifying the number of evidence collection kits:

(1) that have not yet been submitted for laboratory analysis or for which the laboratory analysis has not yet been completed, as applicable; and

(2) that a law enforcement agency did not take possession of within the period required by Section 420.035(b) or (c), as applicable.

(i) The annual report required by Subsection (h) must be titled "Statewide Electronic Tracking System Report" and must be posted on the department's publicly accessible Internet website.

SECTION 2. Section 351.257, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 351.257. REPORT. Not later than December 1 of each odd-numbered year, a response team shall provide to the

1 commissioners court of each county the response team serves a  
2 report that includes:

3 (1) a list of response team members able to  
4 participate in the quarterly meetings required by Section  
5 [351.254\(c\)](#);

6 (2) a copy of the written protocol developed under  
7 Section [351.256](#); and

8 (3) either:

9 (A) a biennial summary detailing:

10 (i) the number of sexual assault reports  
11 received by local law enforcement agencies;

12 (ii) the number of investigations conducted  
13 as a result of those reports;

14 (iii) the number of indictments presented  
15 in connection with a report and the disposition of those cases;  
16 [~~and~~]

17 (iv) the number of reports of sexual  
18 assault for which no indictment was presented; and

19 (v) the number of evidence collection kits  
20 described by Section [420.031](#), Government Code, that a law  
21 enforcement agency did not take possession of within the period  
22 required by Section [420.035\(b\)](#) or (c), Government Code, as  
23 applicable; or

24 (B) an explanation of the reason the response  
25 team failed to provide the information described by Paragraph (A).

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.