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S.B. No. 608

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

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

(1) a list of response team members able to participate in the quarterly meetings required by Section 351.254(c);

(2) a copy of the written protocol developed under Section 351.256; and

(3) either:

(A) a biennial summary detailing:

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

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

(iii) the number of indictments presented in connection with a report and the disposition of those cases; ~~and~~

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

(v) the number of evidence collection kits described by Section 420.031, Government Code, that a law enforcement agency did not take possession of within the period required by Section 420.035(b) or (c), Government Code, as applicable; or

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

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