

1-1 By: Flores S.B. No. 608
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 13, 2024; February 3, 2025,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
 1-4 March 19, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 19, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to reporting information regarding certain evidence
 1-18 collection kits.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 420.034, Government Code, is amended by
 1-21 amending Subsection (h) and adding Subsection (i) to read as
 1-22 follows:

1-23 (h) Not later than December 1 of each year, the department
 1-24 shall submit a report to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker
 1-25 of the house of representatives, and members of the legislature
 1-26 identifying the number of evidence collection kits:

1-27 (1) that have not yet been submitted for laboratory
 1-28 analysis or for which the laboratory analysis has not yet been
 1-29 completed, as applicable; and

1-30 (2) that a law enforcement agency did not take
 1-31 possession of within the period required by Section 420.035(b) or
 1-32 (c), as applicable.

1-33 (i) The annual report required by Subsection (h) must be
 1-34 titled "Statewide Electronic Tracking System Report" and must be
 1-35 posted on the department's publicly accessible Internet website.

1-36 SECTION 2. Section 351.257, Local Government Code, is
 1-37 amended to read as follows:

1-38 Sec. 351.257. REPORT. Not later than December 1 of each
 1-39 odd-numbered year, a response team shall provide to the
 1-40 commissioners court of each county the response team serves a
 1-41 report that includes:

1-42 (1) a list of response team members able to
 1-43 participate in the quarterly meetings required by Section
 1-44 351.254(c);

1-45 (2) a copy of the written protocol developed under
 1-46 Section 351.256; and

1-47 (3) either:

1-48 (A) a biennial summary detailing:

1-49 (i) the number of sexual assault reports
 1-50 received by local law enforcement agencies;

1-51 (ii) the number of investigations conducted
 1-52 as a result of those reports;

1-53 (iii) the number of indictments presented
 1-54 in connection with a report and the disposition of those cases;
 1-55 [and]

1-56 (iv) the number of reports of sexual
 1-57 assault for which no indictment was presented; and

1-58 (v) the number of evidence collection kits
 1-59 described by Section 420.031, Government Code, that a law
 1-60 enforcement agency did not take possession of within the period
 1-61 required by Section 420.035(b) or (c), Government Code, as

2-1 applicable; or

2-2 (B) an explanation of the reason the response
2-3 team failed to provide the information described by Paragraph (A).

2-4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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