



HB 2126 - SB 2211

June 15, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Reduces, from 60 to 45, the days from the date of the police report a law enforcement agency has to send a sexual assault evidence collection kit to the state crime lab or other similar qualified laboratory.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (017797, 018701): Amendment 017797 deletes all language after the enacting clause. Reduces, from 60 to 30, the days from the date of the police report a law enforcement agency has to send a sexual assault evidence collection kit to the state crime lab or other similar qualified laboratory. Reduces, from 60 to 30, the days from the date of the police report a law enforcement agency has to send a hold kit to the state crime lab or other similar qualified laboratory.

Amendment 018701 changes the effective date of legislation, as amended by amendment 017797, from upon becoming a law to 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2020

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-13-519 entitles each victim of a sexually oriented crime to a forensic medical examination, which results in a sexual assault evidence collection kit or a hold kit. The healthcare provider conducting the examination must release the resulting kit to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Once the victim makes a police report, the law enforcement agency has 60 days from the date of the report to send the kit to the state crime lab or other similar qualified laboratory for either serology or DNA testing.
- The proposed legislation requires the law enforcement agency to submit the kit within 30 days, rather than within 60 days.
- Reducing the timeframe to submit the kits to 30 days will not significantly impact law enforcement agencies' operations. Any increase in workload can be accomplished with existing personnel and resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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