

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2763 – SB 2676**

February 8, 2020

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Reduces, from 60 to 30, the days from the date of possession a law enforcement agency has to send a sexual assault evidence collection kit to the state crime lab or other similar qualified laboratory.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- 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. The healthcare provider conducting the examination must release the resulting kit to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The law enforcement agency shall, within 60 days of taking possession of the sexual assault evidence collection kit with the victim's name affixed to it submit it to the TBI.
- Further, 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 of either scenario.
- Reducing the timeframe to submit the kits by 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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