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To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2884

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL MEDICAL FACILITIES, LAW ENFORCEMENT
2 AGENCIES, CRIME LABORATORIES, AND ANY OTHER FACILITIES THAT
3 RECEIVE, MAINTAIN, STORE, OR PRESERVE SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE KITS
4 TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT CONTAINING CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE
5 ATTORNEY GENERAL; TO REQUIRE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNUALLY TO
6 COMPILE THE REPORT, PUBLISH THE REPORT ON HIS OR HER WEBSITE, AND
7 SUBMIT THE REPORT TO CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES; AND FOR
8 RELATED PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) By September 1 of each year, all medical
11 facilities, law enforcement agencies, crime laboratories, and any
12 other facilities that receive, maintain, store, or preserve sexual
13 assault evidence kits shall submit a report containing the
14 following information to the Attorney General:

15 (a) The total number of all untested kits in possession
16 of each the medical facilities, law enforcement agencies, crime
17 laboratories, and any other facilities that receive, maintain,
18 store, or preserve kits.

19 (b) For each kit the facility shall provide:

20 (i) The category of the kit and whether:



21 1. Sexual assault was reported to a law
22 enforcement officer;

23 2. Chose not to file a report with law
24 enforcement.

25 (ii) The status of the kit:

26 1. For kits of medical facilities: the date
27 when the kit was reported to law enforcement and the date when the
28 kit was picked up by law enforcement;

29 2. For kits of a law enforcement agency: the
30 date the kit was picked up from a medical facility, the date when
31 the kit was submitted to a crime laboratory, and for any kit not
32 submitted to a crime lab, the reason the kit was not submitted;

33 3. For kits belonging to another
34 jurisdiction: the date that the jurisdiction was notified and the
35 date it was picked up; and

36 4. For kits in possession of crime
37 laboratories: the date the kit was received from law enforcement,
38 from which agency the kit was received, the date when the kit was
39 tested, the date when the resulting information was entered into
40 CODIS, the date when the resulting information was entered into
41 any other database required by law, and the reason, if applicable,
42 that a kit was not tested or a DNA profile was not created.

43 (c) The total number of kits in possession of the
44 entity for more than thirty (30) days.



45 (d) The total number of kits destroyed and the reason
46 for destruction.

47 (2) The Attorney General shall compile the data from the
48 reports in a summary report. This summary report must include a
49 list of all agencies or facilities that failed to participate in
50 the inventory. The annual summary report shall be made publicly
51 available on the Attorney General's website, and shall be
52 submitted to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker
53 of the House.

54 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
55 and after July 1, 2025.

