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**A BILL**

To enact section 109.67 of the Revised Code to 1  
require the Attorney General to create and 2  
maintain a statewide tracking system for the 3  
processing of sexual assault examination kits. 4

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 109.67 of the Revised Code be 5  
enacted to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 109.67.** (A) In consultation with the attorney 7  
general's advisory group on sexual assault examination kit 8  
tracking, the attorney general shall develop recommendations for 9  
establishing a statewide sexual assault examination kit tracking 10  
system. Based on those recommendations, the attorney general 11  
shall create, operate, and maintain the statewide tracking 12  
system and shall identify and allocate money for that purpose 13  
from the appropriate funds available to the attorney general. 14

(B) The attorney general may contract with state or 15  
private entities, including private software and technology 16  
providers, for the creation, operation, and maintenance of the 17  
statewide tracking system. The tracking system shall do all of 18  
the following: 19

(1) Track the status of sexual assault examination kits 20  
from the collection site through the criminal justice process, 21  
including the initial collection at medical facilities, 22  
inventory and storage by law enforcement agencies, analysis at 23  
crime laboratories, and storage or destruction after completion 24  
of analysis. 25

(2) Allow all entities that receive, maintain, store, or 26  
preserve sexual assault examination kits to update the status 27  
and location of the kits. 28

(3) Allow individuals to anonymously access the statewide 29  
tracking system regarding the location and status of their 30  
sexual assault examination kit. 31

(C) Not later than one year after creation of the 32  
statewide tracking system, all entities in the chain of custody 33  
of sexual assault examination kits shall participate in the 34  
system. 35

(D) The attorney general may adopt rules under Chapter 36  
119. of the Revised Code to facilitate the implementation of the 37  
statewide sexual assault examination kit tracking system 38  
pursuant to this section. Except as provided in division (B) (3) 39  
of this section, information contained in the statewide tracking 40  
system is confidential and not subject to public disclosure. 41