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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
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Sec. 109.67. (A) In consultation with the attorney	1
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
<u>of analysis.</u>	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