

**CHAPTER 51****( SB 97 )**

AN ACT relating to sexual assault forensic evidence kits.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 16.132 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Department of Kentucky State Police shall request from other law enforcement agencies, pursuant to KRS 17.150, and shall collect statistical data regarding the reporting and investigation of any person charged with committing, attempting to commit, or complicity to a sexual offense as defined by KRS 510.040, 510.050, 510.060, 510.070, 510.080, 510.090, 510.110, 510.120, 510.130, 510.140, 530.020, 530.064(1)(a), and 531.310, and on the number of sexual assault evidence kits, as defined in KRS 216B.400, which are submitted to law enforcement agencies, the number of such kits submitted to the Department of Kentucky State Police forensic laboratory, and the number of kits tested.
- (2) The information collected pursuant to this section for the previous calendar year shall be provided by May 1, 2018, and by each May 1 thereafter to the Sexual Assault Response Team Advisory Committee as defined in KRS 403.707.
- (3) *The department shall by July 1, 2020, create and implement a tracking process for sexual assault forensic evidence kits. The department shall by December 1, 2020, promulgate administrative regulations governing the tracking process. The tracking process shall include, and the administrative regulations promulgated pursuant to this subsection shall require, a public portal allowing victims to access the system, and shall provide for the information to be submitted to the Department of Kentucky State Police.*

**Signed by Governor March 22, 2019.**