

HB 2648 - DIGEST

Changes the composition of the joint legislative task force on sexual assault forensic examination best practices and requires the task force to: (1) Review best practice models for managing all aspects of sexual assault investigations;

(2) Monitor implementation of state and federal legislative changes;

(3) Collaborate with the office of the attorney general to implement reforms pursuant to federal grant requirements; and

(4) Make recommendations for institutional reforms necessary to prevent sexual assault and improve the experiences of sexual assault survivors in the criminal justice system.

Requires training by the criminal justice training commission to include educating investigators on the best practices for notifying victims of the results of forensic analysis of sexual assault kits and other significant events in the investigative process, including for active investigations and cold cases.

Requires law enforcement agencies to submit requests for forensic analysis of all sexual assault kits collected before July 24, 2015.

Increases the rights of a sexual assault survivor.

Authorizes and encourages the office of the attorney general to facilitate the hosting of the sexual assault kit initiative summit.