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Proposed law requires each criminal justice agency, including college and university campus police departments, to report all of the following information for the preceding calendar year no later than February 15th of each year to the Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice:

- (1) The number of sexually-oriented criminal offenses reported.
- (2) The status of each sexually-oriented criminal offense reported.
- (3) The number of sexual assault collection kits submitted for analysis.
- (4) The number of reported sexual assault collection kits requiring analysis.
- (5) The number of reported sexual assault collection kits received.
- (6) The number of unreported sexual assault collection kits received.
- (7) The number of reported sexual assault collection kits that were untested due to judicial or investigative reasons.
- (8) Written notification if proposed law is not applicable to the criminal justice agency or department.

Proposed law requires each crime laboratory to report the number of sexual assault collection kits in their backlog for the prior calendar year no later than February 15th to the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice.

Proposed law requires the Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice to transmit the information reported to it as required in proposed law to the chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B and the chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary by March 1st of each year. Proposed law further requires the report to include the name and contact information of each criminal justice agency that failed to submit the report required by proposed law.

Proposed law defines "criminal justice agency" as any government agency or subunit thereof, or private agency that, through statutory authorization or a legal formal agreement with a governmental unit or agency, has the power of investigation, arrest, detention, prosecution, adjudication, treatment, supervision, rehabilitation or release of persons suspected, charged, or convicted of a crime; or that collects, stores, processes, transmits, or disseminates criminal history records or crime information.

Proposed law defines "reported sexual assault collection kit" as a kit that contains a human biological specimen or specimens collected during a forensic medical examination from the victim of a sexually-oriented criminal offense who reported the crime to law enforcement.

Proposed law defines "sexual assault collection kit" as a kit that is designed to assist in the preservation of a human biological specimen or specimens collected during a forensic medical examination from the victim of a sexually-oriented criminal offense.

Proposed law defines "sexually-oriented criminal offense" as sexual assault offenses and sexual abuse offenses as defined in certain criminal statutes.

Proposed law defines "unreported sexual assault collection kit" as a kit that contains a human biological specimen or specimens collected during a forensic medical examination from the victim of a sexually-oriented criminal offense who declined to report the crime to law enforcement.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Add R.S. 15:623)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Changes deadline for annual reporting by criminal justice agencies from Jan. 15th to February 15th.
2. Changes the agency to whom criminal justice agencies must submit reports from the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association and the Louisiana Auditor to the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice.
3. Adds to the information to be submitted by criminal justice agencies the specific number of sexual assault collection kits received, requiring analysis, and remaining untested as well as a written indication of when the specific information required is not applicable to the particular criminal justice agency.
4. Adds requirement for crime labs to annually report backlog.
5. Adds definition for reported and unreported sexual assault collection kits.