

1 days after receipt of the evidence by a law enforcement agency if a
2 report of the sexual assault is made to the law enforcement agency,
3 unless the victim requests that the sexual assault evidence kit not
4 be tested.

5 C. If, at the time the forensic medical examination is
6 conducted, a report of the sexual assault is not made or if the
7 victim requests that the sexual assault evidence kit not be tested,
8 the medical provider shall inform the victim in writing of his or
9 her right to request the testing of the sexual assault evidence kit
10 at any future time. The law enforcement agency shall submit the
11 sexual assault evidence kit to the appropriate accredited crime
12 laboratory for forensic testing within twenty (20) days of such
13 request. However, nothing in this subsection shall negate the
14 responsibility of a medical provider to report a suspected sexual
15 assault as provided for in Section 40.3A of Title 22 of the Oklahoma
16 Statutes.

17 D. A collected sexual assault evidence kit, whether tested or
18 untested, must be retained in a secure, environmentally safe manner
19 for not less than fifty (50) years or for the length of the statute
20 of limitations for the alleged crime, whichever is longer.

21 E. Each law enforcement agency is responsible for the
22 maintenance and storage of untested kits either in their own
23 evidence storage or through an agreement with another agency with
24 larger capacity.

1 F. By January 1, 2020, the Oklahoma State Bureau of
2 Investigation (OSBI) and each accredited crime laboratory, in
3 coordination with Oklahoma Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Task
4 Force, shall adopt and disseminate guidelines and procedures for the
5 collection, submission and testing of DNA evidence that is obtained
6 in connection with an alleged sexual assault. Priority testing
7 shall be given for sexual assault evidence kits that will yield
8 evidentiary value to the investigation and prosecution of the
9 alleged sexual assault.

10 G. OSBI may inquire as to the condition and location of a
11 sexual assault evidence kit that has not been submitted to a
12 forensic laboratory within the deadlines established in subsection B
13 of this section.

14 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 150.28c, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 150.28c. A. In addition to guidelines and procedures
17 for the collection, submission and testing of DNA evidence that is
18 obtained in connection with an alleged sexual assault, the Oklahoma
19 State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) and each accredited crime
20 laboratory within the State of Oklahoma in partnership with the
21 Oklahoma Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Task Force shall implement
22 a priority protocol for the testing of untested sexual assault
23 evidence kits, which shall include, but not be limited to:

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- 1 1. A process to identify the kits that were never examined and
2 those that were partially examined for probability of obtaining
3 Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) eligible DNA profiles;
- 4 2. Whether the statute of limitations has passed for the
5 alleged crime;
- 6 3. Whether the offender is a stranger or non-stranger to the
7 victim; and
- 8 4. A process to identify those kits where the victim was or is
9 participating in the criminal justice process and has consented to
10 the testing of the kit.

11 B. Untested kits that have been identified as part of the
12 current backlog of untested or kits not submitted shall not be
13 tested where:

- 14 1. The victim has not reported to law enforcement; ~~or~~
15 2. The victim has requested that the kit not be tested; or
16 3. The offender has been convicted for the crime and his or her
17 profile is in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

18 C. OSBI may initiate an investigation on any previously
19 untested or partially tested sexual assault evidence kit once
20 testing has been completed.

21 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 04/04/2023 -
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