



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 249**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 14**

**By Lamar, Bowling, Akbari, Taylor, Yarbrow**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 24

By Freeman, Clemmons, Dixie, Hardaway, Powell, Hemmer, Jernigan, Camper, Thompson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 6 and Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 5, relative to sexual assault evidence collection kits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-113, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

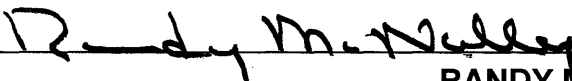
(e)(1) Until January 1, 2025, the bureau must provide quarterly updates on the bureau's efforts to hire and train employees within the forensic services division and the average amount of time taken to perform forensic analysis on evidence in cases involving offenses under title 39, chapter 13, part 5, to the judiciary committee of the senate and the criminal justice committee of the house of representatives.

(2) By January 1, 2025, the bureau must submit a report to the judiciary and finance, ways and means committees of the senate and the criminal justice and finance, ways, and means committees of the house of representatives detailing any additional resources and personnel that would be required in order to perform forensic analysis on evidence in cases involving offenses under title 39, chapter 13, part 5, within sixty (60) days of the bureau's receipt of the evidence from a law enforcement agency.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 13, 2023

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR