

**ASSEMBLY, No. 908**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**221st LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires AG to establish rape kit tracking system.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/3/2024)**

1 AN ACT concerning sexual assault forensic evidence kits and  
2 supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. The Attorney General shall establish a Statewide sexual  
8 assault forensic evidence kit tracking system. The Attorney  
9 General shall issue guidelines or a directive establishing the system.

10 b. As used in this section, “sexual assault forensic evidence kit  
11 tracking system” means an Internet-based system that allows a  
12 person, including a victim; a State, county, or municipal law  
13 enforcement officer; an employee of a healthcare facility or  
14 laboratory, as deemed appropriate by the Attorney General; and any  
15 other person, as deemed appropriate by the Attorney General, to  
16 track a sexual assault forensic evidence kit through the chain of  
17 custody from the time of collection at a healthcare facility to the  
18 transfer to a local law enforcement agency, submission to an  
19 appropriate laboratory for processing and testing, and final  
20 disposition.

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22 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh  
23 month after enactment, but the Attorney General may take any  
24 administrative action in advance as shall be necessary to implement  
25 the provisions of this act.

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#### STATEMENT

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30 This bill requires the Attorney General to establish a sexual  
31 assault forensic evidence (SAFE) kit, commonly referred to as a  
32 rape kit, tracking system.

33 Under the bill, the Attorney General is to issue guidelines or a  
34 directive establishing the system.

35 The bill defines a “sexual assault forensic evidence kit tracking  
36 system” as an Internet-based system that allows a person, including  
37 a victim; a State, county, or municipal law enforcement officer; an  
38 employee of a healthcare facility or laboratory, as deemed  
39 appropriate by the Attorney General; and any other person, as  
40 deemed appropriate by the Attorney General, to track a sexual  
41 assault forensic evidence kit through the chain of custody from the  
42 time of collection at a healthcare facility to the transfer to a local  
43 law enforcement agency, submission to a laboratory, and final  
44 disposition.