

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 350, *approved January 20, 2026*
Assembly Committee Substitute (*First Reprint*)
for Assembly, No. 3753

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. Every State, county, and municipal law enforcement
8 agency shall submit every sexual assault forensic evidence kit
9 collected from a victim, who has consented to the release of the
10 evidence to law enforcement, to the appropriate forensic laboratory
11 for testing ¹as follows:

12 (1) Every sexual assault forensic evidence kit collected after the
13 effective date of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
14 Legislature as this bill) shall be submitted¹ within 10 calendar
15 days of the victim's sexual assault medical forensic examination ¹;

16 (2) Every sexual assault forensic evidence kit collected by law
17 enforcement from July 1, 2019 through the effective date of
18 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
19 shall be submitted by April 1, 2025; and

20 (3) Every remaining sexual assault forensic evidence kit
21 collected by law enforcement shall be submitted in accordance with
22 guidelines promulgated by the Division of Criminal Justice. The
23 division shall promulgate these guidelines no later than December
24 31, 2025¹ in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the
25 Division of Criminal Justice¹.

26 b. Every medical facility or other facility that conducts sexual
27 assault medical forensic examinations shall notify the appropriate
28 law enforcement agency immediately, but in no case more than 24
29 hours, after the collection of a new sexual assault forensic evidence
30 kit where the victim consents to the release of the evidence to law
31 enforcement.

32 c. A law enforcement agency that receives a notification
33 pursuant to subsection b. of this section shall take possession of the
34 sexual assault forensic evidence kit within three business days of
35 the notification and submit the sexual assault forensic evidence kit
36 to the appropriate forensic laboratory in accordance with the
37 timeframe set forth in ¹paragraph (1) of¹ subsection a. of this
38 section.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SBA committee amendments adopted January 8, 2026.

1 d. Every sexual assault forensic evidence kit collected from a
2 victim who has not reported the crime to law enforcement or has not
3 consented to the release of the evidence to law enforcement shall be
4 retained in a manner that preserves the evidence for a minimum of
5 20 years from the date of collection, and where the victim is a
6 minor, for a minimum of 20 years after the victim reaches the age
7 of 18.

8 e. The victim shall have the right to report the crime to law
9 enforcement and submit the sexual assault forensic evidence kit for
10 testing at any time until the end of the retention period as set forth
11 in subsection d. of this section.

12 f. The Attorney General shall issue or amend guidelines or
13 directives necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.

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15 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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20 Concerns sexual assault forensic evidence kits.