

HOUSE BILL No. 1073

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Rape kit processing. Requires the state police department (department) to use part of an appropriation from House Enrolled Act 1001 (2025) to process rape kits and to eliminate the backlog of untested rape kits. Permits the department to issue grants to law enforcement agencies and testing labs to eliminate the backlog of untested rape kits. Requires the department to make a report to the general assembly by October 1, 2027, concerning the status of untested rape kits.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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December 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.



Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning public safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] (a) **Of the eighteen**
2 **million dollars (\$18,000,000) appropriated to the state police**
3 **department for forensic and health sciences laboratories in**
4 **SECTION 4(B) of P.L.213-2025 (HEA 1001-2025) for the state**
5 **fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the**
6 **state police department shall use two million five hundred**
7 **thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to process rape kits and to eliminate**
8 **the backlog of untested rape kits.**

9 (b) Funds disbursed under subsection (a) may be used to:

10 (1) purchase equipment, including robots, used to process
11 rape kits;
12 (2) process rape kits;
13 (3) hire staff;
14 (4) provide competitive wages for employees; and
15 (5) pay costs associated with streamlining the processing of
16 rape kits;
17 to eliminate the backlog of untested rape kits.

18 (c) The state police department may make grants to law



1 enforcement agencies and testing labs, including the crime lab
2 within the state police department, to eliminate the backlog of
3 untested rape kits.

4 (d) Before October 1, 2027, the state police department shall
5 report to the general assembly:

6 (1) the status of the backlog of untested rape kits in Indiana;
7 and

8 (2) how funds under subsection (a) were directed to eliminate
9 the backlog of untested rape kits for the prior calendar year.

10 The report to the general assembly must be in an electronic format
11 under IC 5-14-6.

12 (e) This SECTION expires December 31, 2027.

