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2021 Wisconsin Act 117 [2021 Senate Bill 94]

Tracking of Sexual Assault Kits

2017 Wisconsin Act 117 requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish a database, known as the Wisconsin Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System (tracking system), for the purpose of providing victims of sexual assault access to information about the status of any sexual assault kit the victim has provided. The data must use electronic technologies to allow continuous, ongoing access to do all of the following:

- Allow health care professionals collecting sexual assault kits, forensic laboratories, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and DOJ to update and track the location and status of sexual assault kits, including the initial collection of evidence, receipt and storage at law enforcement agencies, receipt and analysis at forensic laboratories, and destruction.
- Allow a victim of sexual assault to anonymously track the location and status of the victim's sexual assault kit.

Under the act, whenever a Wisconsin law enforcement agency or a health care professional collects evidence in a case of sexual assault, the agency or professional must enter information, as required in rules promulgated by DOJ, into the tracking system. Similarly, whenever the state crime laboratories performs deoxyribonucleic acid analysis of a sexual assault kit, it must also enter information, as required in rules promulgated by DOJ, into the tracking system.

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