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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2021 Senate Bill 94**

**Senate Amendment 1**

### 2021 SENATE BILL 94

2021 Senate Bill 94 requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish a database, which shall be known as the Wisconsin Sexual Assault 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 bill requires the database to use electronic technologies to do 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, receipts 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 bill, a Wisconsin law enforcement agency or health care professional must enter certain information into the tracking system whenever the agency or professional collects evidence of a sexual assault. The bill also requires that the state crime laboratories enter certain information into the database whenever it performs a deoxyribonucleic acid analysis of a sexual assault kit.

The bill appropriates \$400,000 to DOJ in fiscal year 2021-22 to create the Wisconsin Sexual Assault Tracking System database.

### SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 removes the appropriation.

### BILL HISTORY

Senator Darling offered Senate Amendment 1 on March 11, 2021. On the same day, the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the amendment and passage of 2021 Senate Bill 94, as amended.

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