

CHAPTER 1

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

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

C.52:17B-245.1 Sexual assault forensic evidence kit tracking system established.

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

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

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

Approved January 23, 2025.