## SENATE, No. 715 **STATE OF NEW JERSEY** 221st LEGISLATURE

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## SYNOPSIS

Requires AG to establish rape kit tracking system.

## **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee with technical review.



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## **S715** BURGESS, MORIARTY

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

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

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7 1. a. The Attorney General shall establish a Statewide sexual 8 assault forensic evidence kit tracking system. The Attorney 9 General shall issue guidelines or a directive establishing the system. b. As used in this section, "sexual assault forensic evidence kit 10 11 tracking system" means an Internet-based system that allows a person, including a victim; a State, county, or municipal law 12 13 enforcement officer; an employee of a healthcare facility or 14 laboratory, as deemed appropriate by the Attorney General; and any other person, as deemed appropriate by the Attorney General, to 15 16 track a sexual assault forensic evidence kit through the chain of 17 custody from the time of collection at a healthcare facility to the 18 transfer to a local law enforcement agency, submission to an 19 appropriate laboratory for processing and testing, and final 20 disposition.

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