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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill requires the director of the forensic science division of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, each executive director of a forensic laboratory, and each sheriff and chief of police to prepare a written report, by August 1, 2015, that identifies the number of untested rape kits in the possession of the official's agency or department. The bill defines "untested rape kit" as a rape kit that has not been submitted to the bureau for DNA analysis or a rape kit in the possession of the bureau that has not undergone DNA analysis.

The superintendent must prepare a report by December 1, 2015, that identifies each untested rape kit disclosed and provides a plan to resolve any backlog of untested rape kits.