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Citations Affected: IC 16-18; IC 16-21; IC 35-31.5; IC 35-40.5.

Synopsis: Sexual assault victims' rights. Provides rights to sexual assault victims, including the right to: (1) speak with a sexual assault counselor before a forensic medical exam or during the course of an investigation; (2) the collection of sexual assault forensic evidence; (3) the analysis of the sexual assault forensic evidence; and (4) notice.

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SENATE BILL No. 146

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1	SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-340.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2	CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 340.5. "State sexual assault
4	response team", for purposes of IC 16-21-8-2, has the meaning set
5	forth in IC 35-40.5-1-1.
6	SECTION 2. IC 16-21-8-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.41-2007,
7	SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8	JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 2. (a) Each county or regional sexual assault
9	response team shall develop a trauma informed, victim focused plan
10	that establishes the protocol for sexual assault victim response and
11	treatment, including the:
12	(1) collection;
13	(2) preservation;
14	(3) secured storage; and
15	(4) destruction;
16	of samples.
17	(b) The plan under subsection (a) shall address the following



1	regarding an alleged sexual assault victim who is at least eighteen (18)
2	years of age and who either reports a sexual assault or elects not to
3	report a sexual assault to law enforcement:
4	(1) The method of maintaining the confidentiality of the alleged
5	sexual assault victim regarding the chain of custody and secured
6	storage of a sample.
7	(2) The development of a victim notification form that notifies an
8	alleged sexual assault victim of his or her rights under the law,
9	(3) (1) How a victim will receive the victim notification form
10	described in subsection (d).
11	(4) Identification of law enforcement agencies that will be
12	responsible to transport samples.
13	(2) Requiring the law enforcement agency located in the
14	jurisdiction in which the crime occurred to be responsible for
15	the transport and storage of sexual assault examination kits.
16	(5) (3) Agreements between medical providers and law
17	enforcement agencies to pick up and store samples.
18	(6) (4) Maintaining samples in secured storage.
19	(7) (5) Procedures to destroy a sample following applicable
20	statute of limitations.
21	(c) The plan under subsection (a) shall require each agency
22	having temporary or permanent custody of a sexual assault kit to
23	designate at least one (1) person to receive victim inquiries
24	concerning sexual assault kits and to serve as a liaison between the
25	agency and the victim. The designated liaison must be trained in
26	trauma and victim response.
27	(d) The state sexual assault response team shall develop a victim
28	notification form that notifies an alleged sexual assault victim of his
29	or her rights under the law, including the rights of a victim as
30	described in IC 35-40.5. The victim notification form must include
31	contact information for the designated liaison described in
32	subsection (c).
33	SECTION 3. IC 35-31.5-2-76.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
34	CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
35	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 76.5. "Crime laboratory", for
36	purposes of IC 35-40.5, has the meaning set forth in IC 35-40.5-1-1.
37	SECTION 4. IC 35-31.5-2-185, AS AMENDED BY P.L.238-2015,
38	SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
39	JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 185. (a) "Law enforcement officer" means:
40	(1) a police officer (including a correctional police officer),
41	sheriff, constable, marshal, prosecuting attorney, special

prosecuting attorney, special deputy prosecuting attorney, the



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1	securities commissioner, or the inspector generar,
2	(2) a deputy of any of those persons;
3	(3) an investigator for a prosecuting attorney or for the inspector
4	general;
5	(4) a conservation officer;
6	(5) an enforcement officer of the alcohol and tobacco
7	commission;
8	(6) an enforcement officer of the securities division of the office
9	of the secretary of state; or
10	(7) a gaming agent employed under IC 4-33-4.5 or a gaming
11	control officer employed by the gaming control division under
12	IC 4-33-20.
13	(b) "Law enforcement officer", for purposes of IC 35-42-2-1,
14	includes an alcoholic beverage enforcement officer, as set forth in
15	IC 35-42-2-1.
16	(c) "Law enforcement officer", for purposes of IC 35-45-15,
17	includes a federal enforcement officer, as set forth in IC 35-45-15-3.
18	(d) "Law enforcement officer", for purposes of IC 35-44.1-3-1 and
19	IC 35-44.1-3-2, includes a school resource officer (as defined in
20	IC 20-26-18.2-1) and a school corporation police officer appointed
21	under IC 20-26-16.
22	(e) "Law enforcement officer", for purposes of IC 35-40.5, has
23	the meaning set forth in IC 35-40.5-1-1.
24	SECTION 5. IC 35-31.5-2-255.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
25	CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
26	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 255.5. "Provider", for purposes
27	of IC 35-40.5, has the meaning set forth in IC 35-40.5-1-1.
28	SECTION 6. IC 35-31.5-2-273.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
29	CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
30	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 273.4. "Relative", for purposes
31	of IC 35-40.5, has the meaning set forth in IC 35-40.5-1-1.
32	SECTION 7. IC 35-31.5-2-288.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
33	CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
34	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 288.5. "Secured storage", for
35	purposes of IC 35-40.5, has the meaning set forth in IC 35-40.5-1-1.
36	SECTION 8. IC 35-31.5-2-299.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
37	CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
38	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 299.5. "Sexual assault counselor",
39	for purposes of IC 35-40.5, has the meaning set forth in
40	IC 35-40.5-1-1.
41	SECTION 9. IC 35-31.5-2-299.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
42	CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS



1	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 299.6. "Sexual assault
2	examination kit", for purposes of IC 35-40.5, has the meaning set
3	forth in IC 35-40.5-1-1.
4	SECTION 10. IC 35-31.5-2-299.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
5	CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
6	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 299.8. "Sexual assault forensic
7	evidence", for purposes of IC 35-40.5, has the meaning set forth in
8	IC 35-40.5-1-1.
9	SECTION 11. IC 35-31.5-2-312.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
10	CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
11	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 312.5. "State sexual assault
12	response team", for purposes of IC 35-40.5, has the meaning set
13	forth in IC 35-40.5-1-1.
14	SECTION 12. IC 35-31.5-2-348, AS ADDED BY P.L.114-2012,
15	SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
16	JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 348. (a) "Victim", for purposes of IC 35-38-1-9
17	and IC 35-38-1-17, means a person who has suffered harm as a result
18	of a crime.
19	(b) "Victim", for purposes of IC 35-37-6, has the meaning set forth
20	in IC 35-37-6-3.
21	(c) "Victim", for purposes of IC 35-38-7, has the meaning set forth
22	in IC 35-38-7-4.
23	(d) "Victim", for purposes of IC 35-40, has the meaning set forth in
24	IC 35-40-4-8.
25	(e) "Victim", for purposes of IC 35-40.5 has the meaning set
26	forth in IC 35-40.5-1-1.
27	(e) (f) "Victim", for purposes of IC 35-45-10, has the meaning set
28	forth in IC 35-45-10-4.
29	SECTION 13. IC 35-40.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
30	AS A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
31	1, 2020]:
32	ARTICLE 40.5. RIGHTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS
33	Chapter 1. Definitions
34	Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this article:
35	(1) "Crime laboratory" means a laboratory responsible for
36	examining or testing a sexual assault examination kit.
37	(2) "Law enforcement officer" means any of the following:
38	(A) A law enforcement officer (as defined in



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41 42 IC 35-31.5-2-185).

under IC 21-39-4.

(B) A state educational institution police officer appointed

(C) A school corporation officer appointed under

1	IC 20-26-16.
2	(D) A school resource officer (as defined in
3	IC 20-26-18.2-1).
4	(E) A police officer of a public or private postsecondary
5	educational institution whose board of trustees has
6	established a police department under IC 21-17-5-2 or
7	IC 21-39-4-2.
8	(3) "Provider" has the meaning set forth in IC 16-21-8-0.2.
9	(4) "Relative" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-42-2-1(b).
10	(5) "Secured storage" has the meaning set forth in
11	IC 16-21-8-0.2.
12	(6) "Sexual assault counselor" means a victim advocate (as
13	defined in IC 35-37-6-3.5), a victim service provider (as
14	defined in IC 35-37-6-5), victims assistance, or a social
15	worker.
16	(7) "Sexual assault examination kit" has the meaning set forth
17	in IC 16-21-8-0.2.
18	(8) "Sexual assault forensic evidence" means the results
19	collected from a forensic medical examination of a victim by
20	a provider.
21	(9) "State sexual assault response team" means the statewide
22	sexual assault response team coordinated by the Indiana
23	prosecuting attorneys council and the Indiana criminal justice
24	institute.
25	(10) "Victim" means an individual:
26	(A) who is a victim of sexual assault (as defined in
27	IC 5-26.5-1-8); or
28	(B) who:
29	(i) is a relative of or a person who has had a close
30	personal relationship with the individual described
31	under clause (A); and
32	(ii) is designated by the individual described under clause
33	(A) as a representative.
34	The term does not include an individual who is accused of
35	committing an act of sexual assault (as defined in
36	IC 5-26.5-1-8) against the individual described under
37	clause (A).
38	Chapter 2. Attachment and Duration of Rights
39	Sec. 1. The rights provided to victims under this article attach
40	whenever a victim is subject to:
41	(1) a forensic medical exam; or
42	(2) an interview by a law enforcement officer;



1	in relation to injuries, trauma, or an investigation resulting from
2	an alleged sexual assault.
3	Sec. 2. A victim continuously retains all the rights under this
4	article regardless of whether the victim:
5	(1) agrees to participate in any civil or criminal proceeding
6	related to the alleged sexual assault; or
7	(2) consents to a forensic medical exam to collect forensic
8	evidence related to the alleged sexual assault.
9	Chapter 3. Right to a Sexual Assault Counselor
10	Sec. 1. A victim has the right to:
11	(1) speak with a sexual assault counselor during any hospital
12	visit for the purpose of receiving a sexual assault examination;
13	and
14	(2) speak with a sexual assault counselor during the course of
15	the investigation.
16	A victim retains these rights even if the victim has waived one (1)
17	or more of these rights in a previous examination or interview.
18	Sec. 2. A victim's communications with a sexual assault
19	counselor are not admissible into evidence for any purpose except
20	with consent of the victim.
21	Chapter 4. Collection of Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence
22	Sec. 1. As described in IC 16-21-8-6, a provider shall provide
23	forensic medical exams and additional forensic services to a victim
24	without charge.
25	Sec. 2. Before a provider commences a forensic medical
26	examination, the provider shall inform the victim of the following:
27	(1) The victim's rights under this article and other relevant
28	law in a document to be developed by the state sexual assault
29	response team as described in IC 16-21-8-2, which shall be
30	signed by the victim to confirm receipt, unless the victim has
31	already been provided with the document under
32	IC 35-40.5-5-1.
33	(2) The victim's right to speak with a sexual assault counselor.
34	Chapter 5. Interview With a Law Enforcement Officer
35	Sec. 1. Before a law enforcement officer commences an
36	interview of a victim, the law enforcement officer shall inform the
37	victim of the following:
38	(1) The victim's rights under this article and other relevant
39	law in a document to be developed by the state sexual assault
40	response team as described in IC 16-21-8-2, which shall be
41	signed by the victim to confirm receipt, unless the victim has
42	already been provided with the document under



1	IC 35-40.5-4-2.
2	(2) The victim's right to speak with a sexual assault counselor
3	during the course of the investigation.
4	Chapter 6. Analysis of Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence
5	Sec. 1. A victim has the right to analysis of sexual assault
6	forensic evidence collected from a forensic medical examination,
7	conducted in a reasonable time period.
8	Sec. 2. The following applies to sexual assault forensic evidence:
9	(1) The sexual assault forensic evidence shall be transported
10	to the crime laboratory and analyzed within a reasonable time
11	period, unless the victim waives this requirement in writing at
12	any time prior to analysis of the evidence.
13	(2) The investigating law enforcement agency shall retain the
14	sexual assault forensic evidence, except as provided in
15	subdivision (3), until the later of:
16	(A) the statute of limitations bars prosecution to the
17	offense as described under IC 35-41-4-2; or
18	(B) the victim reaches forty (40) years of age if the victim
19	was a minor when the offense occurred;
20	before the evidence is destroyed.
21	(3) Not earlier than sixty (60) days before the evidence is
22	scheduled to be destroyed under subdivision (1), or under this
23	subdivision if the retention period has been extended, the
24	investigating law enforcement agency shall attempt to notify
25	the victim of the date of the scheduled destruction, both by
26	telephone and in writing at the victim's last known address. If
27	the victim objects in writing to the destruction, the
28	investigating law enforcement agency shall retain the sexual
29	assault forensic evidence for an additional five (5) years.
30	(4) If the victim elects to waive analysis under subdivision (1),
31	the victim can still request that the sexual assault forensic
32	evidence collected be tested before it is destroyed.
33	(5) The investigating law enforcement agency shall maintain
34	all waivers and requests received under this article.
35	Sec. 3. (a) A defendant or a person accused or convicted of a
36	crime against a victim may not object to any failure in complying
37	with this article.
38	(b) The failure to provide a right or notice to a victim under this
39	section may not be used by a defendant to seek to have the
40	conviction or sentence set aside.

Sec. 4. (a) The failure of a law enforcement agency to take

possession of any sexual assault forensic evidence or to submit the



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1	evidence for analysis within the time prescribed in this chapter
2	does not:
3	(1) affect the authority of a law enforcement agency to take
4	possession of the evidence or to submit the evidence to the
5	crime laboratory; or
6	(2) affect the authority of the crime laboratory to accept and
7	analyze the evidence or to upload the DNA profile obtained
8	from that evidence into the Combined DNA Index System.
9	(b) The failure to comply with the requirements of this chapter
10	does not constitute grounds in any criminal or civil proceeding for
11	challenging the validity of a database match or of any database
12	information. Any evidence of the DNA record may not be excluded
13	by a court on these grounds.
14	Chapter 7. Notice to Victims
15	Sec. 1. (a) Upon initial interaction with a victim, a law
16	enforcement officer or provider shall provide the victim with a
17	document developed by the state sexual assault response team, as
18	described in IC 16-21-8-2, that explains the rights of victims:
19	(1) under this article and other relevant law;
20	(2) in a format accessible to persons with visual disabilities;
21	and
22	(3) in English, Spanish, and German.
23	(b) The document described in subsection (a) shall include the
24	following:
25	(1) A clear statement that a victim is not required to receive
26	a medical evidentiary or physical examination in order to
27	retain the rights provided under this article or any other
28	relevant law.
29	(2) The instructions for requesting the results of the analysis
30	of the victim's sexual assault forensic evidence.
31	(3) Information concerning state and federal victim
32	compensation funds for medical and other costs associated
33	with the sexual assault.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 146, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-340.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 340.5. "State sexual assault response team", for purposes of IC 16-21-8-2, has the meaning set forth in IC 35-40.5-1-1.".

Page 1, strike lines 16 through 17.

Page 2, strike lines 1 through 3.

Page 2, delete lines 4 through 6.

Page 2, line 7, strike "(3)" and insert "(1)".

Page 2, line 7, delete "form." and insert "form **described in subsection (d).**".

Page 2, strike lines 8 through 9, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(2) Requiring the law enforcement agency located in the jurisdiction in which the crime occurred to be responsible for the transport and storage of sexual assault examination kits.".

Page 2, line 10, strike "(5)" and insert "(3)".

Page 2, line 12, strike "(6)" and insert "(4)".

Page 2, line 13, strike "(7)" and insert "(5)".

Page 2, between lines 20 and 21, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(d) The state sexual assault response team shall develop a victim notification form that notifies an alleged sexual assault victim of his or her rights under the law, including the rights of a victim as described in IC 35-40.5. The victim notification form must include contact information for the designated liaison described in subsection (c)."

Page 3, between lines 38 and 39, begin a new paragraph and insert: "SECTION 11. IC 35-31.5-2-312.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 312.5. "State sexual assault response team", for purposes of IC 35-40.5, has the meaning set forth in IC 35-40.5-1-1."

Page 4, line 38, delete "IC 35-37-6-3.5) or" and insert "IC



35-37-6-3.5),".

Page 4, line 39, delete "IC 35-37-6-5)." and insert "IC 35-37-6-5), victims assistance, or a social worker.".

Page 5, between lines 2 and 3, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(9) "State sexual assault response team" means the statewide sexual assault response team coordinated by the Indiana prosecuting attorneys council and the Indiana criminal justice institute.".

Page 5, line 3, delete "(9)" and insert "(10)".

Page 5, line 31, delete "(a)".

Page 5, line 32, delete "consult" and insert "speak".

Page 5, line 32, delete "before and".

Page 5, line 32, after "during" insert "any hospital visit for the purpose of receiving a sexual assault examination; and".

Page 5, delete lines 33 through 36, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(2) speak with a sexual assault counselor during the course of the investigation.".

Page 5, delete lines 39 through 42.

Page 6, delete lines 1 through 7.

Page 6, line 8, delete "(c)" and insert "Sec. 2.".

Page 6, line 18, delete "county or regional" and insert "state".

Page 6, line 20, delete "receipt." and insert "receipt, unless the victim has already been provided with the document under IC 35-40.5-5-1."

Page 6, line 21, delete "consult" and insert "speak".

Page 6, line 29, delete "county or regional" and insert "state".

Page 6, line 31, delete "receipt." and insert "receipt, unless the victim has already been provided with the document under IC 35-40.5-4-2.".

Page 6, line 32, delete "consult" and insert "speak".

Page 6, line 33, delete "any interview by a law enforcement officer" and insert "the course of the investigation.".

Page 6, delete line 34.

Page 6, line 36, delete "prompt".

Page 6, delete line 38 and insert "examination, conducted in a reasonable time period.".

Page 6, line 41, delete "ninety (90) days," and insert "a reasonable time period,".

Page 7, line 2, delete "crime laboratory" and insert "**investigating** law enforcement agency".

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Page 7, line 13, delete "crime laboratory" and insert "**investigating** law enforcement agency".

Page 7, line 13, after "shall" insert "attempt to".

Page 7, line 14, delete "destruction." and insert "destruction, both by telephone and in writing at the victim's last known address.".

Page 7, line 15, delete "crime laboratory" and insert "**investigating** law enforcement agency".

Page 7, between lines 19 and 20, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(5) The investigating law enforcement agency shall maintain all waivers and requests received under this article.".

Page 7, delete lines 20 through 42.

Page 8, delete line 1.

Page 8, line 2, delete "Sec. 5." and insert "Sec. 3.".

Page 8, line 8, delete "Sec. 6." and insert "Sec. 4.".

Page 8, line 34, delete "required:" and insert "required to receive a medical evidentiary or physical examination in order to retain the rights provided under this article or any other relevant law.".

Page 8, delete lines 35 through 39.

Page 9, delete lines 3 through 22.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 146 as introduced.)

YOUNG M, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1.

SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 146 be amended to read as follows:

Page 5, line 42, delete "officer or a defense" and insert "officer;".

Page 6, delete line 1.

Page 6, line 29, after "sexual" insert "assault".

Page 6, line 35, delete "Official or" and insert "Officer".

Page 6, delete line 36.

Page 6, line 37, delete "or defense attorney".



Page 6, line 38, delete "or".

Page 6, line 39, delete "defense attorney".

Page 6, line 41, after "sexual" insert "assault".

Page 8, line 19, delete "a county or regional sexual" and insert "the state sexual assault".

(Reference is to SB 146 as printed January 31, 2020.)

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