

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2499

Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Kim)
(Coauthor: Senator Bates)

February 19, 2016

An act relating to crimes.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2499, as introduced, Maienschein. Sexual assault evidence kits.

Existing law, the Sexual Assault Victims' DNA Bill of Rights, expresses findings and declarations of the Legislature stating, among other things, that timely deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) analysis of rape kit evidence is a core public safety issue affecting men, women, and children in this state. Existing law authorizes a law enforcement agency, upon the request of a sexual assault victim, to inform the victim of the status of the testing of the DNA rape kit evidence or other crime scene evidence from the victim's case, as specified. If the agency does not analyze that evidence within 6 months of the statute of limitations for filing a criminal complaint in a sexual assault case, as specified, or if the agency intends to destroy or dispose of rape kit evidence or other crime scene evidence from an unsolved sexual assault case prior to the expiration of the statute of limitations, existing law requires that a victim of a sexual assault be informed of that fact or that intention.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would upgrade the SAFE-T Rape kit tracking program under the authority of the Department of Justice.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that would upgrade the SAFE-T Rape kit tracking
- 3 program under the authority of the Department of Justice.

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