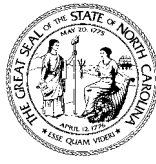


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Senator Meredith

1 moves to amend the bill on page 1, line 11, by rewriting the line to read:

2 "(a) Legislative Intent. – The General Assembly finds that the preservation and testing of
3 sexual assault evidence collection kits (SAECK or “kit”) are important to public safety. Timely
4 testing is vital to solve cases, punish offenders, bring justice to victims, and prevent future crimes.
5 It is the intent of the General Assembly that every sexual assault evidence collection kit in North
6 Carolina be tested. Sexual assault victims deserve no less.

7 (a1) Establishment of System. – There is established in the State Crime Laboratory the”;
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9 and on page 1, line 16, by rewriting the line to read:

10 "System. The Secretary of the Department of Public Safety (Secretary) shall adopt rules,
11 guidelines, and sanctions, for agencies required to participate in the System under this section.
12 The Director shall”; and
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14 on page 3, lines 3-6, by rewriting the lines to read:

15 "Department of Justice, prosecutors, and criminal defense attorneys. The working group shall
16 develop findings and recommendations including a strategic plan to (i) establish the order of
17 priority for testing kits; (ii) test all of the kits that can be tested; (iii) direct the preservation of all
18 kits; (iv) suggest sanctions for the destruction or contamination of kits in violation of G.S. 15A-
19 268; and (v) develop statewide protocols to test sexual assault evidence collection kits in the
20 future. The working group".

SIGNED _____
Amendment Sponsor

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