

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 975</b>
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<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Echols</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>OSBI: requires fulfillment of FY-20 appropriations request</b>

**Research Analysis**

SB 975 requires all accredited crime laboratories in the State of Oklahoma must supply to all law enforcement agencies the same standardized sexual assault evidence kit for the collection of DNA or other evidence as a result of an alleged crime of sexual assault. The measure requires a sexual assault evidence kit, or other DNA evidence if a kit is not collected, to be submitted to the appropriate accredited crime laboratory for forensic testing within twenty days of receipt of evidence by a law enforcement agency or a request to have the evidence tested is made to a medical provider or the law enforcement agency by the victim, victim's parent, or victim's personal representative. Alleged sexual assault victims must be informed of his or her right to request testing by law enforcement or a medical provider. Tested kits must be kept in an environmentally secure area. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and each accredited crime laboratory is directed to adopt rules and guidelines for the submission of tested kits no later than January 1, 2020. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation is also directed to adopt prioritization guidelines for the testing of untested kits. The guidelines must consider when the test was taken, the statute of limitations, and whether the alleged perpetrator is a stranger or familiar to the victim.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

SB 975 requires crime laboratories to retain evidence for certain periods of time. OSBI is the agency most likely to be responsible for this storage. The agency estimates it will cost \$1 million in order to secure and maintain the storage, add five criminalists, and to pay for preliminary screening kits for the presence of male DNA. This \$1 million is included in their FY-20 funding request- and is reliant on the Legislature to appropriate this amount for the next fiscal year in order for them to perform the duties in the bill.

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**Other Considerations**

None.