

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 975</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>FA1</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	
<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**

FA1 to SB 975 deletes language which required a request to have DNA evidence tested before an evidence kit could be tested. The amendment adds language to allow a victim to request that a kit not be tested. The amendment directs a medical provider to inform the victim in writing of his or her right to request the testing of the sexual assault evidence kit at any future time. The law enforcement agency shall submit the sexual assault evidence kit to the appropriate accredited crime laboratory for forensic testing within twenty days of such request.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The floor amendment does not alter the fiscal impact from the engrossed version. The engrossed version's impact is below.

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.