Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

SB 1933 creates the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence (SAFE) Board within the Office of the Attorney General. The Board shall examine the process for gathering and analyzing sexual assault kits, develop a plan for prioritizing untested kits, identify procedures for the testing of anonymous sexual assault evidence kits, identify grants and other funding sources, and develop a comprehensive training plan for equipping and enhancing the work of law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, and multidisciplinary Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs) across all jurisdictions. SAFE is authorized to request and obtain a copy of all records and reports pertaining to sexual assault forensic evidence and shall maintain all confidential records as confidential. The measure directs the Board to submit an annual statistical report on the incidence of sexual assault forensic evidence collection as well as a summary of the activities of the Board relating to the review of sexual assault forensic evidence collection and an evaluation of whether the state is efficiently discharging its sexual assault forensic evidence collection responsibilities. SAFE shall consist of 18 members, who shall serve without compensation but shall receive travel reimbursements.

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