

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2705

By: Ford and Fugate of the
House

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4 Haste of the Senate
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8 An Act relating to sexual assault victims; directing
9 law enforcement agencies to inform sexual assault
10 victims of the status of certain evidence; allowing
11 for submission of written requests; specifying list
12 of rights for sexual assault victims; stating intent
13 of statute; allowing law enforcement to deny
14 disclosure under certain circumstances; providing for
15 codification; and providing an effective date.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 142C-6 of Title 21, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. Upon the request of a sexual assault victim, the
21 investigating law enforcement agency shall inform the victim of the
22 status of the sexual assault forensic evidence from the criminal
23 case of the victim. The law enforcement agency may, at its
24 discretion, require that the request by the victim be in writing.

1 The provisions of this subsection shall not require a law
2 enforcement agency to communicate with the victim or the advocate of
3 the victim regarding the status of forensic testing absent a
4 specific request from the victim or advocate of the victim.

5 B. Sexual assault victims have the right to be informed of the
6 following:

7 1. Whether or not a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) profile was
8 obtained from the testing of the sexual assault forensic evidence
9 from the criminal case of the victim;

10 2. Whether or not the DNA profile developed from the sexual
11 assault forensic evidence has been entered into the Combined DNA
12 Index System (CODIS) Database; and

13 3. Whether or not there is a confirmed match between the DNA
14 profile developed from the sexual assault evidence and a DNA profile
15 contained in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) Database.

16 C. This section is intended to encourage law enforcement
17 agencies to notify victims of information that is in the possession
18 of the law enforcement agencies.

19 D. This section shall not require the disclosure of evidence,
20 information, or results which would impede or compromise an ongoing
21 criminal investigation.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of March, 2025.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
5 of Representatives

6 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2025.

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