

**HB1124/552916/1**

BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1124  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “Requirements” and substitute “Recommendations”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “request” in line 12 and substitute “requiring the Maryland Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Policy and Funding Committee to develop recommendations regarding the creation and operation of a statewide sexual assault evidence collection kit tracking system that is accessible to victims of sexual assault and law enforcement; requiring the Committee to submit a certain application for a grant”; in line 13, strike “defining certain terms;”; in line 17, strike “11-926(b) and (c)” and substitute “11-927(a)”; in line 20, strike “adding to” and substitute “repealing and reenacting, with amendments.”; and in line 22, strike “11-928” and substitute “11-927(e)(1)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 2 through line 21 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“11-927.

(a) In this section, “Committee” means the Maryland Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Policy and Funding Committee.

(e) (1) The Committee shall develop and disseminate best practices information and recommendations regarding:

(i) the testing and retention of sexual assault evidence collection kits;

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(ii) coordination between State agencies, victim services providers, local law enforcement, and local sexual assault response teams;

(iii) payment for sexual assault evidence collection kits;

(iv) increasing the availability of sexual assault evidence collection exams for alleged victims of sexual assault;

(v) reducing the shortage of forensic nurse examiners; [and]

(vi) increasing the availability of information to sexual assault victims regarding:

1. criminal prosecutions of sexual assault crimes;
2. civil law remedies available to victims of sexual assault;
3. sexual assault evidence collection kits; and
4. victim rights; AND

**(VII) CREATING AND OPERATING A STATEWIDE SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KIT TRACKING SYSTEM THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 3, strike beginning with “Department” in line 22 down through “Police” in line 23 and substitute “Maryland Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Policy and Funding Committee”; in line 23, strike “a request for” and substitute “an application for a grant”

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of”; and in the same line, after “funding” insert “, as appropriate, to support the implementation of the Committee’s recommendations”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, in line 26, strike “October 1, 2019” and substitute “June 1, 2018”.