

# HOUSE BILL 1268

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Assigned to: Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund – Established**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing  
4 fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Department of State Police  
5 to administer the Fund; requiring the Department to establish and publish  
6 procedures for the distribution of funding to law enforcement agencies; requiring the  
7 Department to consider certain information when distributing funds; requiring the  
8 Department to report annually to the General Assembly on or before a certain date;  
9 requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund, and the Comptroller to account for  
10 the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the  
11 Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from  
12 the Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund;  
13 exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on  
14 State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; providing that money  
15 expended from the Fund is supplemental to certain other funding; defining a certain  
16 term; and generally relating to the Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund.

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Public Safety

19 Section 4–401 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4. Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund”

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2018 Replacement Volume)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

23 Article – State Finance and Procurement

24 Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)

25 Annotated Code of Maryland

26 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
2 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
3 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)112. and 113.  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

6 BY adding to  
7 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
8 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)114.  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Public Safety**

14 **SUBTITLE 4. RAPE KIT TESTING GRANT FUND.**

15 **4–401.**

16 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
17 INDICATED.

18 (2) “FORENSIC LABORATORY” MEANS A FACILITY, AN ENTITY, OR A  
19 SITE THAT OFFERS OR PERFORMS FORENSIC ANALYSIS AND IS OWNED OR OPERATED  
20 BY THE STATE, A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN THE STATE, OR  
21 ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

22 (3) “FUND” MEANS THE RAPE KIT TESTING GRANT FUND.

23 (4) “LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY” MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF  
24 STATE POLICE OR A POLICE DEPARTMENT OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL  
25 CORPORATION IN THE STATE.

26 (B) THERE IS A RAPE KIT TESTING GRANT FUND.

27 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
28 AGENCIES WITH FUNDING TO PAY FOR TESTING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE  
29 COLLECTION KITS BY FORENSIC LABORATORIES.

30 (D) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL:

31 (1) ADMINISTER THE FUND;

1           **(2) ESTABLISH AND PUBLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION**  
2 **OF FUNDING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES;**

3           **(3) ENSURE EACH JURISDICTION IN THE STATE THAT HAS A**  
4 **FORENSIC LABORATORY IS ABLE TO ACCESS THE FUND;**

5           **(4) CONSIDER THE NUMBER OF SEXUAL ASSAULT INCIDENTS THAT**  
6 **WERE INVESTIGATED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR**  
7 **WHEN DISTRIBUTING FUNDING; AND**

8           **(5) SUBMIT A REPORT WITH INFORMATION ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF**  
9 **FUNDING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE**  
10 **STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR.**

11           **(E) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT**  
12 **SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

13           **(2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY,**  
14 **AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.**

15           **(F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:**

16           **(1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;**

17           **(2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND**

18           **(3) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR**  
19 **THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.**

20           **(G) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR THE TESTING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT**  
21 **EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS IN FORENSIC LABORATORIES.**

22           **(H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND**  
23 **IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.**

24           **(2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND, INCLUDING INTEREST**  
25 **EARNINGS UNDER SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE**  
26 **FUND.**

27           **(I) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE**  
28 **WITH THE STATE BUDGET.**

