



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6498**

LCO No. 5047



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIMELY TRANSFER AND PROCESSING  
OF SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 19a-112a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2015*):

4 (d) Each health care facility in the state which provides for the  
5 collection of sexual assault evidence shall follow the protocol as  
6 described in subsection (b) of this section and, with the consent of the  
7 victim, shall collect sexual assault evidence. The health care facility  
8 shall contact a police department which shall transfer evidence  
9 collected pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, in a manner that  
10 maintains the integrity of the evidence and within ten days after the  
11 collection of such evidence, to the Division of Scientific Services within  
12 the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or the  
13 Federal Bureau of Investigation laboratory. The [agency that receives  
14 such evidence shall hold that] Division of Scientific Services shall  
15 analyze such evidence [for] within sixty days after such collection, [,  
16 except that, if the victim reports the sexual assault to the police, the

17 evidence shall be analyzed upon request of the police department that  
18 transferred the evidence to such agency and held by the agency or  
19 police department until the conclusion of any criminal proceedings.]  
20 The failure of a police department to transfer such evidence within ten  
21 days after such collection or the Division of Scientific Services to  
22 analyze such evidence within sixty days after such collection shall not  
23 affect the admissibility of such evidence in any suit, action or  
24 proceeding if such evidence is otherwise admissible.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	19a-112a(d)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure the timely transfer and processing of evidence in sexual assault investigations.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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