



1 be processed in the time required for the establishment of  
2 admissible forensic evidence after that forensic evidence has  
3 been recovered from crime scenes, processed by law enforcement,  
4 and transferred to crime laboratories; and

5 WHEREAS, This backlog in the examination process includes  
6 numerous cases where the processing of evidence collected  
7 following incidents of violent crimes, including murders,  
8 shootings, and criminal sexual assaults, is seriously delayed;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, It typically takes at least one year for  
11 biological evidence to be processed by the Illinois State  
12 Police crime lab; and

13 WHEREAS, DNA evidence is critical to the solution of  
14 crimes, especially in murder cases and sexual assaults, where  
15 the biological evidence may be the last resort, the only thing  
16 tying a murderer or rapist to a crime scene and a victim in a  
17 way that can be proved in a court of law; and

18 WHEREAS, In today's climate where police and prosecutors  
19 are increasingly scrutinized about their procedures, DNA  
20 evidence is crucial to the successful prosecution of criminal  
21 cases in the courtroom; and

1           WHEREAS, Modern biochemistry has developed the Rapid DNA  
2 system, a system to enable the fully automated generation of a  
3 full DNA profile from a cheek swab without human intervention;  
4 the ability of Rapid DNA to carry out the efficient profiling  
5 of criminal suspects has led Congress to pass the federal Rapid  
6 DNA Act of 2017, which has been signed into federal law as P.L.  
7 115-50; and

8           WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will  
9 conduct a pilot study in Arizona, California, Florida,  
10 Louisiana, and Texas in 2019 to evaluate Rapid DNA  
11 instrumentation in booking stations where buccal (cheek) swab  
12 samples will be processed from individuals arrested, indicted,  
13 or convicted of specific criminal offenses, and, upon  
14 completion of this pilot study, the FBI will identify  
15 NDIS-approved Rapid DNA instrumentation for use in booking  
16 stations; and

17           WHEREAS, This federal law directs the FBI to issue  
18 standards and procedures to create a nationwide police protocol  
19 for using Rapid DNA instruments to analyze DNA samples of  
20 criminal offenders and criminal suspects and to compile the  
21 data gathered therein within the Combined DNA Index System or  
22 CODIS; and

23           WHEREAS, The 50 states and their residents will not enjoy

1 the benefits of Rapid DNA technology and the ability to conduct  
2 instant CODIS identification of criminal suspects who have  
3 already been taken into custody until they take steps to comply  
4 with the protocol outlined in the Rapid DNA Act of 2017 and  
5 implemented by FBI standards and procedures; and

6 WHEREAS, The usefulness of the CODIS system as a nationwide  
7 database will depend upon the relative compliance of local law  
8 enforcement throughout all 50 states; for reasons of both local  
9 criminal justice and so that our State can do its part, it is  
10 essential that Illinois law enforcement be granted the support  
11 tools they need to appropriately deploy the Rapid DNA  
12 instrumentation in booking stations and forensic laboratories  
13 accredited in DNA analysis across Illinois; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
16 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Auditor General is directed  
17 to conduct a compliance examination and information system  
18 audit of the Department of State Police, the Department of  
19 Innovation and Technology, the Department of Corrections, and  
20 any State, county, or local law enforcement agency which  
21 utilizes State funds to identify and apprehend criminal  
22 offenders; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the audit include, but not be limited to, an

1 examination of equipment, procedures, staffing levels,  
2 required legislation, administrative rules, funding, and  
3 information technology infrastructure, including status and  
4 recommended improvements to Illinois' DNA arrestee submission  
5 law to fully take advantage of Rapid DNA technology, with the  
6 goal of identifying and reporting to the General Assembly as  
7 soon as possible on barriers and choke points in the way of  
8 Illinois State Police, local law enforcement, booking  
9 stations, and accredited NDIS-participating forensic  
10 laboratories across Illinois enabling full compliance with  
11 existing and future protocols approved by the FBI created by  
12 the federal Rapid DNA Act of 2017; and be it further

13       RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Police, the Department of  
14 Innovation and Technology, the Department of Corrections, any  
15 State agency and any Illinois law enforcement agency which  
16 utilizes State funds to identify and apprehend criminal  
17 offenders are directed to comply fully and promptly with all  
18 features of this audit, including elements aimed at identifying  
19 the increased personnel and budgetary support required for the  
20 Illinois State Police, local law enforcement, and the entire  
21 Illinois criminal justice community to appropriately utilize  
22 Rapid DNA instrumentation to achieve full compliance; and be it  
23 further

24       RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as

1 soon as possible and report his findings and recommendations  
2 upon completion in accordance with the provisions of Section  
3 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That the Department of State Police, the  
5 Department of Innovation and Technology, the Department of  
6 Corrections, and any other State agencies or Illinois law  
7 enforcement agencies that receive State funds are directed to  
8 comply fully and promptly with all features of this examination  
9 and audit, including elements aimed at identifying increased  
10 funding for the Illinois criminal justice community to  
11 appropriately utilize Rapid DNA instrumentation; and be it  
12 further

13       RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Police and its Division  
14 of Forensic Services are directed to take all steps possible to  
15 achieve compliance, or partial compliance, with the federal  
16 Rapid DNA Act of 2017 on the statewide crime lab level to  
17 fulfill implementation of any recommendations handed down by  
18 the Auditor General; and be it further

19       RESOLVED, That we express continued support to all of  
20 Illinois law enforcement, including but not limited to the  
21 Illinois State Police, for their tireless and courageous work  
22 to maintain public security in the face of growing challenges  
23 created by drug violence and other social trends; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
3 delivered to the Governor of Illinois, the Director of State  
4 Police, Col. Sean Cormier of the Illinois State Police Division  
5 of Forensic Services-Forensic Sciences Command, and Auditor  
6 General Frank J. Mautino."