

## **The charge of the Task Force as stated in 2021 HB 2077:**

K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-6901, as amended by 2021 House Bill No. 2077

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“(c) The task force, in consultation with practitioners and experts, shall develop a plan to ensure uniform statewide policies and procedures that address, at a minimum:

(1) Timely receipt of the data relating to hits to the combined DNA index system (CODIS) from the forensic laboratory;

(2) directly connecting the data relating to hits to the combined DNA index system (CODIS) to the relevant case file;

(3) proper policies and procedures to ensure all hits are accounted for and followed up;

(4) procedures to address how the key parties can conduct a reasonable and timely investigation into the significance of the hit; and

(5) sharing the hits in data from both solved and unsolved cases with other key parties, including the relevant prosecutors' offices, the original defense attorney and the last known attorney of record, crime victims and surviving relatives, and a local organization that litigates claims of innocence.

(d) The task force shall complete a plan for implementation of a protocol relating to hits to closed cases by October 1, 2021. The plan shall include a mechanism to ensure uniform compliance at the local law enforcement agency level.

(e) On or before December 1, 2021, the task force shall submit a report containing a plan for uniform implementation of the protocol throughout the state, including articulated benchmarks to facilitate and measure adoption. This report shall be posted on a public website maintained by the Kansas bureau of investigation and presented to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate.”