



SENATE BILL 661: Private Labs Must Comply with CODIS

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SUMMARY: *Senate Bill 661 would provide that when local law enforcement agencies obtain DNA analyses from entities other than the State Crime Laboratory, those entities must meet the standards that apply to vendor laboratories as set forth in Federal Bureau of Investigation Standards related to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).*

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 661 would amend the Criminal Procedure Act to require private laboratories to comply with CODIS requirements and to require the State Crime Laboratory to maintain a list of laboratories meeting those standards and make the list available on its Web site. The bill would also provide that a local law enforcement agency must not access nor create any DNA database other than those that participate in CODIS.

BILL ANALYSIS: Information on CODIS and its Quality Assurance Standards can be found on the FBI's Web site at: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/lab/biometric-analysis/codis>.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective October 1, 2015.

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