

SUBJECT:	Requiring DPS to compile and maintain statistics on sexual assault
COMMITTEE:	Homeland Security & Public Safety — favorable, without amendment
VOTE:	6 ayes — Guillen, Jarvis Johnson, Bowers, Harless, Holland, Troxclair 1 nays — Dorazio 2 absent — Canales, Goodwin
WITNESSES:	For — (<i>Registered, but did not testify</i> : Ashley Brooks, Texas Association Against Sexual Assault; Cynthia Van Maanen, Travis County Democratic Party; and 10 individuals) Against — None On — (<i>Registered, but did not testify</i> : Brady Mills, Texas DPS Crime Lab)
BACKGROUND:	Some have suggested that compiling and maintaining statistics on sexual assault would better equip investigators and prosecutors to handle such cases.
DIGEST:	HB 2051 would require the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to compile and maintain statistics on the number of victims of sexual assault in each calendar year who have reported the sexual assault to a law enforcement agency after receiving a forensic medical examination, regardless of the year in which that examination was performed. Statistics compiled and maintained could not include identifying information of a victim. By September 1 of each even-numbered year, DPS would be required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• report the statistics compiled by DPS to the standing committees of the House and Senate with primary jurisdiction over criminal justice issues; and• post the statistics on its website.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.