

Sen. Darling: Assembly approves sexual assault tracking kit bill

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Madison – Sexual assault survivors are one step away from having access to information about their sexual assault kits. On Thursday, the Wisconsin State Assembly unanimously gave final approval to a bill authored by State Senator Alberta Darling that will create a Wisconsin Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System.

“My bill will create a database for health care professionals, law enforcement, state crime laboratory personnel, and prosecutors to update information on the location and status of a sexual assault kit.” Darling said, “The bill also enables victims to track the location and status of their kit.”

Senate Bill 94 empowers survivors of sexual assault as their case goes through the legal system. The bill ensures that the Wisconsin statutes protect victims and prevent another backlog of cases. Senator Darling is urging Governor Evers to sign the bill.

“If the Governor signs the bill, Wisconsin will join a nationwide movement to make sure victims of sexual assault are able to follow the status of their case and the location of their kit,” Darling said, “I’m proud of the bipartisan effort to empower victims and help prevent another backlog of cases.”

Senator Darling represents portions of Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington, and Waukesha Counties.