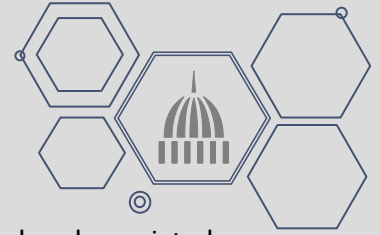


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State legislatures consider and enact laws that address the administration and use of forensic science by state justice systems. Issues addressed in these measures include the delegation of oversight responsibilities for forensic services, accreditation standards for forensic laboratories, access to post-conviction DNA testing, the collection and analysis of DNA samples from arrested and convicted individuals and procedures for eyewitness identification. Following is information on this state's legislative activity on forensic science issues. More information on forensic science policy from all 50 states and the District of Columbia is available on the NCSL [forensic science page](#).



Administration of State Forensic Services§§ 10-13-6-1 through 22

The state administers its forensic services through the Indiana Department of State Police.

Laboratory Accreditation Requirements § 10-13-6-14

The state requires accreditation for DNA laboratories.

State Oversight of Forensic Services § 4-23-6-1

The state's Commission on Forensic Sciences is responsible for state oversight of forensic services. The primary purpose of the commission is to promote scientific information and services. The commission is required to meet at least once every two months.

Convicted Offender DNA Analysis § 10-13-6-10

People convicted of any felony must submit a DNA sample to state officials.

Post Conviction DNA Analysis §§ 35-38-7-1 through 19

The state allows an individual convicted of certain enumerated felonies, including murder and class A, B, and C felonies to apply for post-conviction DNA testing. The enumerated felonies will be expanded to include Level 4 and 5 felonies committed after June 30, 2014. The application must show a reasonable probability of actual innocence. Indiana code has specifications for the preservation of biological evidence.

Sexual Assault Evidence and Backlogs § 16-21-8-10

State standards address evidence submission protocols for law enforcement and communication standards for law enforcement with victims.