

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4854

To amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide additional resources to State and local prosecutors, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 19, 2018

Mr. CARTER of Texas (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. RATCLIFFE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Justice Served Act
5 of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROSECUTION OF DNA COLD CASES.**

2 (a) DEBBIE SMITH DNA BACKLOG GRANT PRO-
3 GRAM.—Section 2 of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimini-
4 nation Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C. 40701) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(9) To increase the capacity of State and local
8 prosecution offices to address the backlog of violent
9 crime cases in which suspects have been identified
10 through DNA evidence.”; and

11 (2) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the
12 following:

13 “(5) ALLOCATION OF GRANT AWARDS FOR
14 PROSECUTORS.—For each fiscal year, not less than
15 5 percent, but not more than 7 percent, of the grant
16 amounts distributed under paragraph (1) shall, if
17 sufficient applications to justify such amounts are
18 received by the Attorney General, be awarded for
19 purposes described in subsection (a)(9), provided
20 that none of the funds required to be distributed
21 under this paragraph shall decrease or otherwise
22 limit the availability of funds required to be awarded
23 to States or units of local government under para-
24 graph (3).”.

25 (b) PROSECUTION OF COLD CASES.—Of the amounts
26 made available to the Attorney General for a DNA Anal-

1 ysis and capacity enhancement program and for other
2 local, State, and Federal forensic activities for the purpose
3 described in section 2 of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination
4 Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C. 40701) under the heading
5 “STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE”
6 under the heading “OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS”
7 under the heading “DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE” in
8 fiscal years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, not less than
9 5 percent, but not more than 7 percent, of such amounts
10 shall be provided for grants for prosecutors to increase
11 the capacity of State and local prosecution offices to address
12 cold cases involving violent crime, where suspects
13 have been identified through DNA evidence.

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