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S. 2345

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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 25, 2018

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. HELLER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. HATCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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

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”.

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

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

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

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

7 (2) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the
8 following:

9 “(5) ALLOCATION OF GRANT AWARDS FOR
10 PROSECUTORS.—For each fiscal year, not less than
11 5 percent, but not more than 7 percent, of the grant
12 amounts distributed under paragraph (1) shall, if
13 sufficient applications to justify such amounts are
14 received by the Attorney General, be awarded for
15 purposes described in subsection (a)(9), provided
16 that none of the funds required to be distributed
17 under this paragraph shall decrease or otherwise
18 limit the availability of funds required to be awarded
19 to States or units of local government under para-
20 graph (3).”.

21 (b) PROSECUTION OF COLD CASES.—Of the amounts
22 made available to the Attorney General under section 2
23 of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 (34
24 U.S.C. 40701) for a DNA Analysis and capacity enhance-
25 ment program and for other local, State, and Federal fo-

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

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