

## S 2055

### Debbie Smith Act

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Mar 21, 2002

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 21, 2002)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 25, 2002
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 25, 2002
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		May 1, 2002
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 7, 2002
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		May 13, 2002
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 23, 2002
Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]	R · VA		Jun 27, 2002
Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	R · VA		Jul 8, 2002
Sen. Carnahan, Jean [D-MO]	D · MO		Jul 11, 2002
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 17, 2002
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Aug 1, 2002

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 21, 2002

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 2874	Companion bill	Sep 28, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime.

## **Summary** (as of Mar 21, 2002)

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Debbie Smith Act - Authorizes the Attorney General to make grants to eligible States to carry out sexual assault nurse examiner programs and to train law enforcement personnel and first responders in the handling of sexual assault cases and the collection and use of DNA samples for forensic evidence.

Provides that for a State to be eligible to receive a grant, the chief executive officer of the State shall submit to the Attorney General an application which shall include a certification that the State shall comply with specified quality assurance and proficiency testing standards.

Sets forth provisions regarding restrictions on the use of funds and expenditure records.

Amends the DNA Identification Act of 1994 to require the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to issue (and revise periodically) standards for collecting and processing, for use as forensic evidence, samples on which DNA analysis may be carried out.

Authorizes the Attorney General to make grants to eligible States to carry out DNA analyses of samples from crime scenes for inclusion in the FBI's Combined DNA Index System. Sets forth provisions regarding State eligibility, restrictions on uses of funds, and expenditure records.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 21, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 21, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2281)
- **Mar 21, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.