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DNA Sexual Assault Justice Act of 2003

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Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]	R · VA		Jan 14, 2003
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 16, 2003
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 25, 2003
Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		Mar 11, 2003

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 14, 2003

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 1046	Related bill	<b>May 5, 2003:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
108 S 151	Related bill	<b>Apr 30, 2003:</b> Became Public Law No: 108-21.

## Summary (as of Jan 14, 2003)

DNA Sexual Assault Justice Act of 2003 - Directs the Attorney General to: (1) survey Federal, State, local, and tribal law enforcement jurisdictions to assess the amount of DNA evidence from sexual assault crimes that has not been subjected to testing and analysis; (2) review national, State, local, and tribal government protocols on the collection and processing of DNA evidence at crime scenes; and (3) make grants for sexual assault examiner programs, examiner training and certification, acquisition or improvement of forensic equipment, and other training.

Amends the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to: (1) ensure that DNA testing and analysis of samples from rape kits and non-suspect cases are carried out in a timely manner; (2) reauthorize grants; (3) make local governments eligible for grants; (4) direct the Attorney General to give priority to a State or local governmental unit that has a significant rape kit or non-suspect case backlog; and (5) expand the scope of DNA samples subject to privacy protections.

Amends: (1) the Federal criminal code and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure to authorize "John Doe" DNA indictments for sexual abuse (allows describing a person as an unknown individual who has a particular DNA profile if the identity of the accused or defendant is unknown); and (2) the DNA Identification Act of 1994 to authorize appropriations to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to carry out a redesign of the Combined DNA Index System.

## Actions Timeline

- Oct 10, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S11089)
- Jan 14, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- Jan 14, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S289-290)
- Jan 14, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S290-292)