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Advancing Justice Through DNA Technology Act of 2003

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Markup By	Sep 21, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 5107	Related bill	Oct 30, 2004: Became Public Law No: 108-405.
108 HR 3214	Related bill	Dec 9, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Oct 1, 2003)

Advancing Justice Through DNA Technology Act of 2003 - Rape Kits and DNA Evidence Backlog Elimination Act of 2003 - Amends: (1) the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to reauthorize the Act; (2) the DNA Identification Act of 1994 (Identification Act) to expand the scope of DNA samples to be included in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS); and (3) the Violence Against Women Act to authorize grants to increase the availability of legal assistance to victims of dating violence.

DNA Sexual Assault Justice Act of 2003 - Amends the Identification Act to require that CODIS include only information on DNA identification records and analyses that are prepared by laboratories that: (1) have been accredited by a nationally recognized nonprofit professional association of forensic scientists within two years; and (2) undergo external audits at least every two years that demonstrate compliance with specified standards.

Authorizes the Attorney General to make grants for: (1) DNA training and education; (2) sexual assault forensic examination programs; (3) research and development; (4) using DNA technology to identify missing persons; and (5) tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions.

Expands and reauthorizes the Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant Program.

Innocence Protection Act of 2003 - Sets forth conditions under which a Federal prisoner may obtain post-conviction DNA testing of specific evidence.

Directs the Attorney General to award grants to States to improve the quality of legal representation in State capital cases.

Actions Timeline

- Sep 21, 2004:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- Sep 9, 2004:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
- Jul 22, 2004:** Committee on the Judiciary. Committee consideration and Mark Up Session held.
- Oct 1, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- Oct 1, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12293-12298)
- Oct 1, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.