

## S 2736

### Justice for Survivors of Sexual Assault Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Nov 5, 2009

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S11214)

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S11214-11215) (Nov 5, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/2736>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]

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

### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 5, 2009
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Nov 5, 2009
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Nov 5, 2009
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 16, 2009
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Dec 21, 2009
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Feb 4, 2010
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 22, 2010
Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]	D · NC		Feb 23, 2010
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		May 12, 2010
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 17, 2010
Sen. Specter, Arlen [D-PA]	D · PA		Sep 16, 2010
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Nov 30, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 5, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 4114	Related bill	Nov 19, 2009: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Justice for Survivors of Sexual Assault Act of 2009 - Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to: (1) require states receiving Edward Byrne Memorial justice assistance grants to certify the implementation of a policy for requiring all rape kits (DNA evidence relating to sexual assault) to be sent to crime laboratories for forensic analysis; (2) adjust the amount of such grants based upon compliance and noncompliance with rape kit backlog reduction requirements under this Act; (3) eliminate rape kit repayment requirements for sexual assault victims; and (4) provide for sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners to collect and preserve evidence, provide expert testimony, and provide treatment of trauma relating to sexual assault.

Amends the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to: (1) authorize funding to eliminate rape kit backlogs and ensure that DNA analyses of samples from rape kits are carried out in a timely manner; and (2) require states and local governments to adopt performance measures for reducing rape kit backlogs.

Directs the Comptroller General to study and report to Congress on the availability of sexual assault nurse examiners and trained examiners at all Indian Health Service facilities operated under contracts.

#### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 5, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 5, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S11213)
- **Nov 5, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S11214-11215)