

HR 1523

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 11, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3250	Related bill	Jan 2, 2013: Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate bill.
112 HR 6628	Related bill	Dec 7, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
112 S 2338	Related bill	Apr 24, 2012: Read the second time. Ordered Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 364.

Summary (as of Apr 13, 2011)

Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Registry Act of 2011 or the SAFER Act of 2011 - Amends the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to: (1) allow states or local governments to use grant funds under such Act to conduct audits of samples of sexual assault evidence that are awaiting testing, and (2) provide funding in FY2012-FY2016 for such purpose. Authorizes the Attorney General to award grants for such audits only if the grant recipient (i.e., a state or local government) submits a plan for performing the audit of samples of sexual assault evidence and includes a good-faith estimate of the number of such samples.

Requires the Attorney General to: (1) establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Registry to include information about samples of sexual assault evidence awaiting testing and to track the testing and processing of such samples, and (2) develop and disseminate to law enforcement and other appropriate agencies a report on best practices for the testing and use of DNA evidence collected as part of a criminal investigation of sexual assault cases. Sets forth requirements relating to information required to be included in such Registry, the protection of personally identifiable information in the Registry, and the updating of information in the Registry.

Expresses the sense of Congress that law enforcement agencies and other appropriate entities should use the best practices developed by the Attorney General to develop, evaluate, and improve DNA evidence protocols.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 11, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Apr 13, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 13, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E706)
- **Apr 13, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.