

S 2613

Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2016

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

Party: Republican • State: IA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 1, 2016
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Mar 1, 2016
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 1, 2016
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 17, 2016
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 12, 2016
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 14, 2016
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 19, 2016
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 21, 2016
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		May 12, 2016
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 12, 2016
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 19, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 14, 2016
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 1, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5578	Related bill	Oct 7, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-236.

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act to reauthorize through FY2018 the Sex Offender Management Assistance program and the Jessica Lunsford Address Verification Grant program.

(Sec. 3) Additionally, it reauthorizes appropriations through FY2018 for the U.S. Marshals Service to locate and apprehend sex offenders who violate sex offender registration requirements.

(Sec. 4) The bill amends the federal criminal code to modify the duties of probation and pretrial services officers to include, when directed by a court, supervision of a sex offender conditionally released from civil commitment subject to court-ordered compliance with a prescribed regimen of medical, psychiatric, or psychological treatment.

(Sec. 5) It establishes statutory rights for sexual assault survivors, including the right to: (1) receive a forensic medical examination at no cost; (2) have a sexual assault evidence collection kit (i.e., a rape kit) preserved for 20 years or the maximum applicable statute of limitations, whichever is shorter; (3) receive written notification prior to destruction or disposal of a rape kit; and (4) be informed of the rights and policies under this section.

Additionally, it makes statutory crime victims' rights applicable to sexual assault survivors.

The term "sexual assault" means any nonconsensual sexual act prohibited by federal, state, or tribal law, including when a victim lacks capacity to consent.

Funds made available to the Crime Victims Fund under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 must be used to carry out the requirements of this section, subject to specified exceptions.

(Sec. 6) The bill amends the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to authorize DOJ's Office of Justice Programs to make grants to states to develop sexual assault survivors' rights and policies and to disseminate written notice of such rights and policies to medical centers, hospitals, forensic examiners, sexual assault service providers, law enforcement agencies, and other state entities.

(Sec. 7) DOJ must establish a working group to develop, coordinate, and disseminate best practices regarding the care and treatment of sexual assault survivors and the preservation of forensic evidence. The working group must report its findings and recommended actions.

(Sec. 8) It extends the statute of limitations for a minor victim of a federal sex offense to file a civil action to 10 years (currently 3 years) from the date such individual reaches age 18.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 1, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **May 24, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 24, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **May 24, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 23, 2016:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S3043-3047, S3048-3050; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S3043-3044)
- **May 23, 2016:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 23, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 89 - 0. Record Vote Number: 83.(text: CR S3049-3050)
- **May 23, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 89 - 0. Record Vote Number: 83. (text: CR S3049-3050)
- **Apr 14, 2016:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 14, 2016:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Grassley with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Apr 14, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 422.
- **Mar 1, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 1, 2016:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1138-1139)