

S 1766

SAFER Act of 2017

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Sep 6, 2017

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 115-107.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 115-107. (Jan 8, 2018)

Law: 115-107 (Enacted Jan 8, 2018)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1766>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (17 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO] | D · CO | | Sep 6, 2017 |
| Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV] | R · NV | | Sep 6, 2017 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] | D · MN | | Sep 6, 2017 |
| Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT] | R · UT | | Sep 11, 2017 |
| Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV] | D · NV | | Sep 12, 2017 |
| Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE] | D · DE | | Sep 19, 2017 |
| Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH] | R · OH | | Sep 19, 2017 |
| Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT] | D · CT | | Sep 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX] | R · TX | | Sep 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL] | D · IL | | Sep 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA] | D · CA | | Sep 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA] | R · IA | | Sep 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA] | R · LA | | Sep 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC] | R · NC | | Sep 28, 2017 |
| Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO] | R · MO | | Oct 2, 2017 |
| Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH] | D · NH | | Oct 2, 2017 |
| Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK] | R · AK | | Oct 3, 2017 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Reported By | Sep 28, 2017 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred To | Oct 25, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 115 HR 3541 | Related bill | Jul 28, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. |

Summary (as of Jan 8, 2018)

Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting Act of 2017 or the SAFER Act of 2017

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the DNA Sexual Assault Justice Act of 2004 to require the Department of Justice (DOJ), in providing information about the role of forensic nurses to certain health-related entities, to provide information about the role of both adult and pediatric forensic nurses. DOJ must also provide additional information on the need for pediatric sexual assault nurse examiners in responding to the abuse of both children and adolescents.

(Sec. 3) Additionally, the bill amends the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to reauthorize through FY2022 the requirement for DOJ to allocate a certain percentage of funds under the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program for grants to audit backlogged sexual assault kits (i.e., rape kits).

It extends from 2018 to 2023 the sunset date of DOJ's authority to award grants to collect DNA of arrestees and to audit backlogged rape kits.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 8, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 8, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-107.
- **Dec 27, 2017:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 21, 2017:** Mrs. Handel moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 21, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10362-10364)
- **Dec 21, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1766.
- **Dec 21, 2017:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mrs. Handel objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.
- **Dec 21, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H10405)
- **Dec 21, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H10362)
- **Dec 21, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H10362)
- **Dec 21, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 25, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 25, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Oct 25, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6717; text as passed Senate: CR S6717)
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6717; text as passed Senate: CR S6717)
- **Sep 28, 2017:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Sep 28, 2017:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Grassley with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Sep 28, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 231.
- **Sep 6, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 6, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5006)