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Combating the Opioid Epidemic Through Forensic Drug Testing Act of 2017

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]

Party: Democratic • State: NH • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

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| Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH] | D · NH        |      | Oct 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]     | D · WV        |      | Jan 25, 2018 |

Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Judiciary Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Oct 25, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action                                                                                                   |
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| 115 HR 6074 | Related bill | <b>Jul 30, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. |
| 115 S 1355  | Related bill | <b>Jun 14, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.                               |

## **Combating the Opioid Epidemic Through Forensic Drug Testing Act of 2017**

This bill amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance to award grants to states to address the distribution, sale, and use of heroin, fentanyl, and associated synthetic drugs.

Grants may be used to:

- reimburse forensic science laboratories and medical examiner and coroner offices for efforts to address and prevent testing backlogs and efforts to conduct autopsies and toxicology testing related to drug overdose deaths;
- reimburse law enforcement agencies for equipment to identify or detect heroin, fentanyl, and associated synthetic drugs;
- investigate, arrest, and prosecute distributors or sellers; and
- support health department services for users.

## **Actions Timeline**

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