

S 2345

Justice Served Act of 2018

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Current Status: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.

Latest Action: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. (Jul 18, 2018)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jan 25, 2018
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Jan 25, 2018
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 25, 2018
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Jan 25, 2018
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Jan 25, 2018
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 25, 2018
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Jan 25, 2018
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jan 25, 2018
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 30, 2018
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Feb 6, 2018
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 6, 2018
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 8, 2018
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Feb 8, 2018
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 8, 2018
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 12, 2018
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 14, 2018
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 14, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jul 18, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4854	Identical bill	Oct 9, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-257.

Summary (as of Jan 25, 2018)

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This bill amends the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to add, as a purpose area under the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, increasing the capacity of prosecutors to address the backlog of violent crime cases involving suspects identified through DNA evidence. The Department of Justice (DOJ) must allocate a specified percentage of grant funds for such purpose, subject to limitations.

Additionally, of amounts made available over FY2019-FY2022 for a DNA analysis and capacity enhancement program and for other forensic activities, DOJ must allocate at least 5% for grants to prosecute cold cases involving violent crime, where suspects have been identified through DNA evidence.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 18, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
- **Jan 25, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 25, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S524)