

## HR 3541

SAFER Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Jul 28, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. (Jul 28, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/3541>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]

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

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Aug 8, 2017
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]	R · CA		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Nov 2, 2017
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Nov 16, 2017
Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Nov 28, 2017
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Dec 21, 2017
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Dec 21, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 28, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1766	Related bill	<b>Jan 8, 2018:</b> Became Public Law No: 115-107.

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

This bill amends the Innocence Protection Act of 2004 to modify requirements with respect establishing and implementing best practices for evidence retention.

The 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.

The bill amends the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to modify the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program:

- to add, as a purpose area, increasing the capacity of prosecutors to address the backlog of violent crime cases involving suspects identified through DNA evidence; and
- to reauthorize through FY2022 the requirement for DOJ to allocate a certain percentage of program funds for grants to audit backlogged rape kits.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 28, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H6564-6567)
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.