# HR 4854

Justice Served Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)
**Chamber:** House
**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement
**Introduced:** Jan 19, 2018
**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 115-257.
**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 115-257.  (Oct 9, 2018)
**Law:** 115-257 (Enacted Oct 9, 2018)
**Official Text:**  https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/4854

## Sponsor

**Name:**  Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]
**Party:** Republican  •  **State:** TX  •  **Chamber:** House

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| Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12] | D · NY | | Jan 19, 2018 |
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| Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2] | R · TX | | Jan 19, 2018 |
| Rep. Ratcliffe, John [R-TX-4] | R · TX | | Jan 19, 2018 |
| Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8] | R · WA | | Jan 19, 2018 |
| Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28] | D · CA | | Jan 19, 2018 |
| Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21] | R · TX | | Jan 19, 2018 |
| Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15] | D · CA | | Jan 19, 2018 |
| Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2] | R · KS | | Feb 7, 2018 |
| Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2] | R · NY | | Mar 1, 2018 |
| Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10] | D · FL | | Mar 5, 2018 |
| Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8] | R · CA | | Mar 7, 2018 |
| Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2] | R · TN | | Mar 7, 2018 |
| Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5] | R · WI | | Mar 7, 2018 |
| Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6] | R · MI | | Mar 22, 2018 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred to | Jan 24, 2018 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 115 S 2345 | Identical bill | **Jul 18, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. |

## Summary  (as of Oct 9, 2018)

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(Sec. 2) 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

- **Oct 9, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 9, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-257.
- **Sep 28, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 27, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 26, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S6348-6349)
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- **May 16, 2018:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **May 15, 2018:** Mr. Goodlatte moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 15, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3945-3947)
- **May 15, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4854.
- **May 15, 2018:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 15, 2018:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3956)
- **May 15, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 377 - 1 (Roll no. 182).(text: CR H3945)
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- **May 15, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 24, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Jan 19, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 19, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.