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Debbie Smith Act of 2019

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Mar 14, 2019

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

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (May 31, 2019)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/820>

Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Mar 14, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 14, 2019
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 14, 2019
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 14, 2019
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 14, 2019
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 14, 2019
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Mar 14, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 14, 2019
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 14, 2019
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Mar 14, 2019
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Mar 14, 2019
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 14, 2019
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Mar 25, 2019
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Apr 10, 2019
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 30, 2019
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		May 2, 2019
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		May 13, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 14, 2019
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		May 14, 2019
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		May 14, 2019
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		May 15, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 9, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 31, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 777	Related bill	Dec 30, 2019: Became Public Law No: 116-104.

Summary (as of May 16, 2019)

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This bill reauthorizes grants that support state and local efforts to process DNA evidence in rape kits.

Specifically, it reauthorizes through FY2024 the following:

- grants under the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program;
- grants to provide DNA training and education for law enforcement personnel, corrections personnel, and court officers; and
- grants under the Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Program.

Actions Timeline

- **May 31, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **May 20, 2019:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 20, 2019:** Received in the House.
- **May 20, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 16, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S2946-2948; text: CR S2947-2948)
- **May 16, 2019:** Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S2946-2948; text: CR S2947-2948)
- **May 9, 2019:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Graham with amendments. Without written report.
- **May 9, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 80.
- **May 2, 2019:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Mar 14, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 14, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.