

## HR 8239

### Forensic Science Research and Standards Act of 2020

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 14, 2020
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 14, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4568	Related bill	Sep 16, 2020: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.

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This bill establishes various entities to develop and distribute forensic science standards.

The Office of Science and Technology Policy shall establish an interagency working group to coordinate federal investments related to, and develop a research strategy for, forensic science and publish such strategy once every two years.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) shall establish the Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science to facilitate the development of forensic science standards. NIST shall establish scientific area committees to carry out the work of the organization and a Forensic Science Standards Board to oversee the operation of the organization and its committees.

NIST shall conduct foundational studies to (1) identify and document the technical merit and validity of select forensic science methods, practices, and disciplines; and (2) identify opportunities for advancements in forensic methods, practices, and disciplines through additional research and improvements to practice.

### **Actions Timeline**

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