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Debbie Smith Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Feb 16, 2023

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Nov 6, 2023)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/499>

Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 16, 2023
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Nov 2, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Nov 2, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1105	Identical bill	Jul 30, 2024: Became Public Law No: 118-72.

Summary (as of Feb 16, 2023)

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This bill reauthorizes through FY2029 the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program. The program provides grants to state and local governments to improve and expand the collection and analysis of DNA evidence, including evidence in sexual assault kits.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 6, 2023:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 6, 2023:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 6, 2023:** Held at the desk.
- **Nov 2, 2023:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 2, 2023:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.
- **Nov 2, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 2, 2023:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 16, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 16, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.