106TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H.R. 3088

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide additional protections to victims of rape.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 14, 1999

Mr. Weldon of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide additional protections to victims of rape.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Victims of Rape
- 5 Health Protection Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. BYRNE GRANT REDUCTION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.
- 7 (a) Grant Reduction for Noncompliance.—Sec-
- 8 tion 506 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
- 9 Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3756) is amended by add-
- 10 ing at the end the following:

| 1 | "(g) Laws of Regulations.— |
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| 2 | "(1) In general.—The funds available under |
| 3 | this subpart for a State shall be reduced by 10 per- |
| 4 | cent and redistributed under paragraph (2) unless |
| 5 | the State demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Di- |
| 6 | rector that the law or regulations of the State with |
| 7 | respect to a defendant against whom an information |
| 8 | or indictment is presented for a crime in which by |
| 9 | force or threat of force the perpetrator compels the |
| 10 | victim to engage in sexual activity, the State re- |
| 11 | quires as follows: |
| 12 | "(A) That the defendant be tested for HIV |
| 13 | disease if— |
| 14 | "(i) the nature of the alleged crime is |
| 15 | such that the sexual activity would have |
| 16 | placed the victim at risk of becoming in- |
| 17 | fected with HIV; or |
| 18 | "(ii) the victim requests that the de- |
| 19 | fendant be so tested. |
| 20 | "(B) That if the conditions specified in |
| 21 | subparagraph (A) are met, the defendant un- |
| 22 | dergo the test not later than 48 hours after the |
| 23 | date on which the information or indictment is |
| 24 | presented, and that as soon thereafter as is |

practicable the results of the test be made avail-

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able to the victim; the defendant (or if the defendant is a minor, to the legal guardian of the defendant); the attorneys of the victim; the attorneys of the defendant; the prosecuting attorneys; and the judge presiding at the trial, if any.

"(C) That if the defendant has been tested pursuant to subparagraph (B), the defendant, upon request of the victim, undergo such follow-up tests for HIV as may be medically appropriate, and that as soon as is practicable after each such test the results of the test be made available in accordance with subparagraph (B) (except that this subparagraph applies only to the extent that the individual involved continues to be a defendant in the judicial proceedings involved, or is convicted in the proceedings).

- "(D) That, if the results of a test conducted pursuant to subparagraph (B) or (C) indicate that the defendant has HIV disease, such fact may, as relevant, be considered in the judicial proceedings conducted with respect to the alleged crime.
- "(2) Redistribution.—Any funds available for redistribution shall be redistributed to partici-

- 1 pating States that comply with the requirements of
- 2 paragraph (1).
- 3 "(3) Compliance.—The Attorney General
- 4 shall issue regulations to ensure compliance with the
- 5 requirements of paragraph (1).".
- 6 (b) Conforming Amendment.—Section 506(a) of
- 7 title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act
- 8 of 1968 is amended by striking "subsection (f)," and in-
- 9 serting "subsections (f) and (g),".
- 10 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 11 subsection (a) shall take effect on the first day of each
- 12 fiscal year succeeding the first fiscal year beginning 2
- 13 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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