

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4327

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2016

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Justice for Victims
5 of Sexual Assault Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF STATE STATUTES OF LIMITATION**
2 **FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT OFFENSES.**

3 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Beginning on the date that is
4 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
5 annually thereafter, the Governor of each State that re-
6 ceives a grant under subpart 1 of part E of title I of the
7 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42
8 U.S.C. 3750 et seq.) (commonly referred to as the “Ed-
9 ward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Pro-
10 gram”) shall certify to the Attorney General that under
11 the laws of that State, a person may be prosecuted, tried,
12 or punished at any time without limitation for any offense
13 under the laws of that State that would be, if subject to
14 Federal jurisdiction, an offense under section 109A of title
15 18, United States Code.

16 (b) REDUCTION IN GRANT FUNDING.—In the case
17 of a Governor of a State who fails to submit a certification
18 required under subsection (a) in a fiscal year, the Attorney
19 General shall reduce the amount that the State would have
20 otherwise received under section 505 of title I of the Om-
21 nibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42
22 U.S.C. 3755) by 20 percent for the following fiscal year.

23 (c) REALLOCATION.—Amounts not allocated to a
24 State under section 505 of title I of the Omnibus Crime
25 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3755)
26 pursuant to subsection (b) because of a failure of the Gov-

- 1 error of the State to submit a certification required under
- 2 subsection (a) shall be reallocated under such section to
- 3 States that submit such certifications.

