

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4854

AN ACT

To amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide additional resources to State and local prosecutors, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Justice Served Act
3 of 2018”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROSECUTION OF DNA COLD CASES.**

5 (a) DEBBIE SMITH DNA BACKLOG GRANT PRO-
6 GRAM.—Section 2 of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimini-
7 nation Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C. 40701) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
9 following:

10 “(9) To increase the capacity of State and local
11 prosecution offices to address the backlog of violent
12 crime cases in which suspects have been identified
13 through DNA evidence.”; and

14 (2) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the
15 following:

16 “(5) ALLOCATION OF GRANT AWARDS FOR
17 PROSECUTORS.—For each fiscal year, not less than
18 5 percent, but not more than 7 percent, of the grant
19 amounts distributed under paragraph (1) shall, if
20 sufficient applications to justify such amounts are
21 received by the Attorney General, be awarded for
22 purposes described in subsection (a)(9), provided
23 that none of the funds required to be distributed
24 under this paragraph shall decrease or otherwise
25 limit the availability of funds required to be awarded

1 to States or units of local government under para-
2 graph (3).”.

3 (b) PROSECUTION OF COLD CASES.—Of the amounts
4 made available to the Attorney General for a DNA Anal-
5 ysis and capacity enhancement program and for other
6 local, State, and Federal forensic activities for the purpose
7 described in section 2 of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimini-
8 tion Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C. 40701) under the heading
9 “STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE”
10 under the heading “OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS”
11 under the heading “DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE” in
12 fiscal years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, not less than
13 5 percent, but not more than 7 percent, of such amounts
14 shall be provided for grants for prosecutors to increase
15 the capacity of State and local prosecution offices to ad-
16 dress cold cases involving violent crime, where suspects
17 have been identified through DNA evidence.

Passed the House of Representatives May 15, 2018.

Attest:

Clerk.

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