

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require jurisdictions that receive grant funds for direct testing activities to use a certain percentage of the funds to reduce backlogs of evidence kits for cases involving murder, sexual assault, and terrorism.

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To protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA and other forensic evidence samples to improve and expand the forensic science testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of forensic evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to support accreditation efforts of forensic science laboratories and medical examiner offices, to address training and equipment needs, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by _____

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1 On page 4, line 20, insert before the semicolon the
2 following: “, provided that until the date on which a juris-
3 diction receiving grant amounts under this paragraph for
4 direct testing activities submits a written certification to

1 the Attorney General that the jurisdiction has eliminated
2 any backlog of evidence kits for cases involving murder,
3 sexual assault, or terrorism, the jurisdiction shall use not
4 less than 66 percent of those amounts for the purpose of
5 reducing those backlogs”.