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To reduce the rape kit backlog and for other purposes.

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Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BURR, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To reduce the rape kit backlog 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Justice for Survivors
5 of Sexual Assault Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. RAPE EXAM PAYMENTS.**

7 Section 2010 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
8 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796gg-4) is
9 amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

1 (A) by striking “entity incurs the full” and
2 inserting the following: “entity—

3 “(A) incurs the full”;

4 (B) by striking the period at the end and
5 inserting “; and”; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(B) coordinates with regional health care
8 providers to notify victims of sexual assault of
9 the availability of rape exams at no cost to the
10 victims.”;

11 (2) in subsection (b)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1), by adding “or” at
13 the end;

14 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “; or”
15 and inserting a period; and

16 (C) by striking paragraph (3); and

17 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “(d) RULE OF
18 CONSTRUCTION.—” and all that follows through the
19 end of paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

20 “(d) NONCOOPERATION.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be in compliance with
22 this section, a State, Indian tribal government, or
23 unit of local government shall comply with sub-
24 section (b) without regard to whether the victim par-

1 ticipates in the criminal justice system or cooperates
2 with law enforcement.”.

3 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL DEBBIE SMITH GRANT REQUIRE-**
4 **MENTS.**

5 Section 2(f) of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14135(f)) is amended to
6 read as follows:
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8 “(f) REPORTS TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State or unit of local
10 government that receives a grant under this section
11 shall submit to the Attorney General, for each year
12 in which funds from a grant received under this section
13 is expended, a report at such time and in such
14 manner as the Attorney General may reasonably require,
15 which contains—

16 “(A) a summary of the activities carried
17 out under the grant and an assessment of
18 whether such activities are meeting the needs
19 identified in the application;

20 “(B) a specific breakdown of the number
21 of sexual assault cases that are in a backlog for
22 DNA case work;

23 “(C) the percentage of the amounts received
24 under the grant allocated to reducing the

1 backlog of DNA case work in sexual assault
2 cases; and

3 “(D) such other information as the Attor-
4 ney General may require.

5 “(2) PENALTY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.—

6 “(A) ANNUAL LIST.—The Attorney Gen-
7 eral shall on an annual basis—

8 “(i) compile a list of the States and
9 units of local government receiving a grant
10 under this section that have failed to pro-
11 vide the information required under para-
12 graph (1); and

13 “(ii) publish each list compiled under
14 clause (i) on the Web site of the Depart-
15 ment of Justice.

16 “(B) PENALTY.—If the Attorney General
17 determines that a State or unit of local govern-
18 ment has failed to provide the information re-
19 quired under paragraph (1), the Attorney Gen-
20 eral may not award a grant to the State or unit
21 of local government under this section for the
22 fiscal year beginning after the fiscal year in
23 which the determination was made in an
24 amount that is more than 50 percent of the
25 amount the State or unit of local government

1 would have otherwise received under this sec-
2 tion.”.

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