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APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE JUNE 17, 2019

The House bill is scheduled to go to the House floor on Wednesday. The House is combining CJS into a “minibus” with Agriculture-FDA, Interior-Environment, Military Construction-VA and Transportation-HUD. The Senate has delayed its markup until after July 8th as there is no agreement between the House and Senate on the budget caps. I have also included the previous chart on the House markup for your reference.

The House Rules Committee will begin reviewing amendments tomorrow at 5:00. The full list of amendments can be found [here](#). There do not appear to be forensics related ones but below are the juvenile and criminal justice-related amendments. Thanks Rachel!

- [Jackson-Lee Amendment No. 32](#): This amendment would increase funding DOJ's Juvenile Accountability Block Grants program by \$1,000,000.
- [Neguse Amendment No. 91](#): Increases funding for Juvenile Justice Programs by \$5,000,000.
- [Scott and Foxx Amendment No. 105](#): Transfers \$13 million from youth mentoring grants to Youth PROMISE local delinquency prevention grants.
- [Scanlon Amendment No. 112](#): Increases the funding for Title II and Title V of Juvenile Justice Programs by \$2 million and offsets with decreases to the general administration fund.
- [Miller Amendment No. 77](#): Transfers \$6 million from a comprehensive opioid abuse program to an opioid affected youth initiative under Title V, which is currently earmarked at \$9 million.
- [Trone Amendment No. 99](#): Increases funding by \$2,000,000 for mental health courts and adult and juvenile collaboration program grants that improve mental health services and provide diversion for justice-impacted individuals (this is under the State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance section).
- [Omar Amendment No. 18](#): Prohibits funding for the Federal Bureau of Prisons or the United States Marshals Service to contract with private prisons.

- [Omar Amendment No. 19](#): Prohibits funding for the use of solitary confinement within the Federal Bureau of Prisons or the United States Marshals Service.
- [Ruiz Amendment No. 20](#): Provides an additional \$2 million for training, peer mentoring, and mental health programs for law enforcement officers.
- [Garcia and Pressley Amendment No. 23](#): Prohibits the use of funds in this bill towards the operation of correctional facilities by a private prison or contractor.
- [Escobar Amendment No. 27](#): Prohibits funds from being used to enforce the zero-tolerance prosecution policy at the Department of Justice.
- [Hudson Amendment No. 28](#): Increases funding for research to study the root causes of school violence by \$1 million.
- [Jackson-Lee Amendment No. 35](#): Increases and decreases by \$2,000,000 funding for the Office of Justice Programs grant in order to support programs to engage adult men and young persons to reduce and prevent domestic violence against children.
- [Spano Amendment No. 41](#): Increases funding for authorized victim services programs for victims of trafficking by \$5 million and increases grants for purposes authorized under the STOP School Violence Act by \$5 million. Reduces funding by \$10 million for a pilot program to provide legal representation to immigrants arriving at the southwest border seeking asylum and other forms of legal protection in the United States.
- [Babin Amendment No. 43](#): Increases and decreases by \$5,000,000 to the State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance section for targeted violence prevention training and support programs.
- [Velaquez Amendment No. 46](#): Decreases and increases funding by \$1 for Federal Prison System Salaries and Expenses to oppose the use of contracted private prison facilities for BOP detention purposes, including the use of such facilities for immigration enforcement.
- [Duffy and McMorris Rodgers Amendment No. 54](#): Increases funding for the COPs Hiring Program and the Secure Our Schools Grant program by \$7.175 billion to secure every school in the United States.
- [Pascrell Amendment No. 58](#): Prohibits the Department of Justice from using appropriated funds to require States and local governments to certify compliance with certain federal immigration and information sharing policies in order to be eligible for receipt of federal grants issued by the Office of Justice Programs or the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.
- [Espailat Amendment No. 120](#): Prohibits the use of federal funds to operate private prisons.
- [Doug Collins Amendment No. 130](#): Provides \$20 million to restore funding for the Project Safe Neighborhoods program, the cornerstone of DOJ's anti-gun violence and anti-gang efforts.

- [Pressley Amendment No. 138](#): Increases and decreases funding by \$2,000,000 for Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Memorial funding to support community-based violence prevention programs.

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LANGUAGE IN THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Byrne/JAG funds—The Committee advises that some Byrne/JAG funds be directed to provide newer, more efficient forensics testing tools for rural jurisdictions. The Committee requests additional consideration be given to applicants who seek to hire service-connected disabled veterans. The Committee encourages the Department to support the use of these grant funds for the purchase of fentanyl detection equipment.

Forensic Sciences.—The Committee provides \$1,500,000 above the fiscal year 2019 amount for forensic science research. Additionally, the Committee provides \$3,000,000 to support the Organization of 22 Scientific Area Committees and \$1,000,000 to support technical merit evaluations previously funded by transfer from the Department of Justice.

Forensics.—The Committee encourages National Institute of Justice (NIJ) to explore partnerships with accredited universities of higher education for the purpose of providing national learning opportunities for law enforcement, district attorneys, and primary care physicians within functioning forensic laboratory and death investigation facilities. These partnerships should focus on collaboration between State departments of forensic science working in partnership with universities and local district attorneys, to provide a facility of prominence for forensic science education, training, research, and service, which will benefit current practitioners in the field as well as future forensic scientists.

DNA initiative.—The recommendation includes \$142,000,000 for DNA-related and forensic programs and activities, an increase of \$12,000,000 above the fiscal year 2019 level and \$37,000,000 above the request. Within the funds provided, the Committee provides \$8,000,000 for Post-Conviction DNA Testing grants, \$4,000,000 for Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Program grants, \$30,000,000 for other State and local forensic activities including civil rights cold cases, and \$100,000,000 to meet the purposes of the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, which is an increase of \$10,000,000 above the fiscal year 2019 level for this program. The Committee provides funding separately for this purpose to

increase transparency and oversight of DNA Initiative funding.

Missing and exploited children programs.—The recommendation includes \$85,000,000 for missing and exploited children programs, which is \$3,000,000 above fiscal year 2019 and \$4,000,000 above the request. The Committee expects the Department to allocate \$40,000,000 for task force grants, training and technical assistance, research and statistics, and administrative costs for the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) program. The Department is urged to include in its ICAC Task Force grant solicitation a prioritization of proactive investigations of suspects possessing, distributing, or producing violent and sadistic child sexual abuse imagery. The Committee expects the Department to allocate \$1,000,000 to hire and equip wounded, ill, or injured veterans as forensic analysts or investigators to support child exploitation investigations.

PROGRAM	REQUEST	HOUSE	SENATE	FINAL
DOJ				
Paul Coverdell Forensic Science	\$ 10,000	\$ 30,000		
DNA Initiative	\$105,000	\$142,000		
Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grants (note it is not Debbie Smith in Admin budget rather the DNA Analysis, Capacity Enhancement and other Forensic Activities)	\$150,000	(\$100,000)		
State and Local Forensic Activities	0	(\$30,000)		
Kirk Bloodsworth Post-Conviction DNA Testing Grants	\$4,000	(\$8,000)		
Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Program Grants	\$4,000	(\$4,000)		
SAKI	\$47,500	\$49,000		

NIST				
OSAC	0	\$3m		
Forensic R&D		? +\$1m		