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To give priority funding for DNA Backlog Elimination and Self Defense training, prioritizing for States and municipalities that are in the midst of combating a serial killer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VITTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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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 “Emergency DNA
5 Backlog Elimination and Self Defense from Serial Killers
6 Act of 2003”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The United States produces more serial kill-
2 ers than any other country. Up to 85 percent of the
3 world’s serial killers are in the United States.

4 (2) According to a study of the Behavioral Unit
5 of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, serial killing
6 has climbed to an almost “epidemic proportion”.

7 (3) At any given time there are an estimated
8 20–50 active serial killers. Serial killers who change
9 their targets or methods are often never identified.

10 (4) Approximately 500,000 DNA evidence kits
11 across the country wait to be processed because of
12 a lack of funding. Over 3,000 DNA kits have not
13 been processed in the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, serial
14 killer case.

15 **SEC. 3. INCREASED GRANTS FOR ANALYSIS AND PROC-**
16 **ESSING OF DNA EVIDENCE KIT BACKLOG**
17 **AND OF DNA SAMPLES FROM CONVICTED OF-**
18 **FENDERS AND CRIME SCENES.**

19 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
20 2 of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000
21 (42 U.S.C. 14135) is amended—

22 (1) by amending subsection (j)(1) to read as
23 follows:

24 “(1) For grants for the purposes specified in
25 paragraph (1) of such subsection—

1 “(A) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2004;

2 “(B) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2005;

3 “(C) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2006;

4 “(D) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2007;

5 and

6 “(E) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.”;

7 and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 section:

10 “(k) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts made
11 available for purposes specified in paragraphs (2) and (3)
12 of subsection (a) shall remain available until expended and
13 priority shall be provided to those municipalities docu-
14 mented by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to possess
15 a serial killer.”.

16 (b) ADDITIONAL GRANTS FOR STATES WITH SERIAL
17 KILLERS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the
18 Attorney General \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004
19 through 2008, to be available for grants to States that
20 are documented by the Federal Bureau of Investigation
21 to possess a serial killer, to be used by the State only for
22 eliminating the backlog in carrying out DNA analyses of
23 samples specified in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of sub-
24 section (a) of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act
25 of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14135(a)).

1 **SEC. 4. INCLUSION OF DNA SAMPLES FROM ALL PERSONS**
2 **CONVICTED OF VIOLENT FELONIES.**

3 Section 2 of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination
4 Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14135), as amended by section
5 3, is further amended in subsection (b)(3) by inserting be-
6 fore the semicolon at the end the following: “, which shall
7 include each offense under State law for which a sentence
8 of death or imprisonment at hard labor may be imposed”.

9 **SEC. 5. SELF DEFENSE CLASSES.**

10 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF GRANTS.**—The Attorney
11 General may make grants to States documented to possess
12 a serial killer, to be used by the State to promote and
13 develop self-defense classes.

14 (b) **FIREARMS TRAINING.**—Not less than 15 percent
15 of the amount of a grant under subsection (a) shall be
16 used only for firearms training.

17 (c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There
18 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
19 such sums as may be necessary.

20 **SEC. 6. CREATION OF SERIAL KILLER PROGRAM WITHIN**
21 **THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**
22 **GENERAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVI-**
23 **SION.**

24 Immediately upon implementation of this Act, the Di-
25 rector of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall estab-
26 lish a Serial Killer Program within the General Criminal

1 Investigative Division of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
2 tion.

