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# S. 884

To conduct a study evaluating whether there are correlations between the commission of methamphetamine crimes and identity theft crimes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CANTWELL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Methamphetamine and  
5       Identity Theft Study Act of 2005”.

6       **SEC. 2. STUDY.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall con-  
8       duct a study evaluating whether there is a connection be-  
9       tween the commission of crimes involving methamphet-  
10      amine and the commission of identity theft crimes.

1 (b) CONTENTS.—The study conducted under this sec-  
2 tion shall—

3 (1) include—

4 (A) a statistical analysis of whether there  
5 is a correlation between methamphetamine  
6 crimes and identity theft crimes; and

7 (B) if the Attorney General finds a high  
8 degree of statistical correlation under subpara-  
9 graph (A), findings regarding the reason for  
10 this correlation;

11 (2) evaluate the advisability of imposing a sen-  
12 tencing enhancement—

13 (A) if a person commits both a meth-  
14 amphetamine crime and an identity theft crime;  
15 and

16 (B) if a person is part of a conspiracy to  
17 commit methamphetamine and identity theft  
18 crimes;

19 (3) evaluate the advisability of establishing a  
20 password-protected electronic clearinghouse within  
21 the Department of Justice for Federal, State, and  
22 local law enforcement agencies to—

23 (A) share information on crimes involving  
24 both methamphetamine and the commission of  
25 identity theft;

1 (B) create a better understanding of the  
2 correlation between these crimes; and

3 (C) share best practices; and

4 (4) evaluate whether individuals who use meth-  
5 amphetamine are more likely to commit certain  
6 kinds of identity theft crimes, such as through the  
7 use of mail, than others committing identity theft  
8 crimes.

9 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after  
11 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney Gen-  
12 eral shall submit a report to Congress describing the find-  
13 ings of the study conducted under section 2.

14 (b) CONTENTS.—The report shall detail the findings  
15 of the study and recommend any enhancements to crimi-  
16 nal penalties or other specific amendments to law, if any,  
17 that the Attorney General believes are necessary or advis-  
18 able.

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