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H. R. 898

To authorize grants to establish and improve criminal forensic laboratories.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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forensic laboratories.

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 “State and Local Crimi-
5 nal Forensic Laboratory Enhancement Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**

7 Subject to the availability of appropriations, the At-
8 torney General shall award grants to States, units of local
9 government, and Indian Tribes to—

10 (1) establish new criminal forensic laboratories
11 to provide the services necessary for State, local, and

1 tribal law enforcement agencies to investigate and
2 prosecute crimes;

3 (2) expand or improve existing criminal forensic
4 laboratories to provide the services described in
5 paragraph (1);

6 (3) hire and train new forensic laboratory pro-
7 fessionals and technicians necessary to provide the
8 services described in paragraph (1); and

9 (4) for any other purpose the Attorney General
10 determines to be necessary to improve State, local,
11 and tribal criminal forensic laboratory services.

12 **SEC. 3. SELECTION OF GRANTEES.**

13 (a) APPLICATIONS.—A State, unit of local govern-
14 ment, or Indian Tribe desiring a grant under this Act shall
15 submit to the Attorney General an application at such
16 time, in such manner, and containing such information as
17 the Attorney General may require.

18 (b) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this Act,
19 the Attorney General shall give priority to State, local, and
20 tribal law enforcement agencies with the largest backlogs
21 of criminal forensic examinations per capita, compared
22 with other State, local, and tribal law enforcement agen-
23 cies, respectively.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this Act \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and for each
4 subsequent fiscal year.

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