

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6103

To prohibit reductions in the workforce at the Drug Enforcement Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 18, 2025

Mr. PAPPAS (for himself and Mr. BACON) 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 “Laboratory Analysts
5 and Biometric Personnel Act of 2025” or the “LAB Per-
6 sonnel Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON REDUCING THE LABORATORY**
2 **WORKFORCE AT THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT**
3 **AGENCY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The laboratory workforce at the
5 Drug Enforcement Administration shall be exempt from
6 any hiring freezes or workforce reductions related to
7 spending cuts, reprogramming of funds, or the proba-
8 tionary status of employees.

9 (b) LABORATORY WORKFORCE AT THE DRUG EN-
10 FORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION DEFINED.—In this sec-
11 tion, the term “laboratory workforce at the Drug Enforce-
12 ment Administration” means—

13 (1) positions in the Drug Enforcement Admin-
14 istration at forensic laboratories of the Drug En-
15 forcement Administration, including—

16 (A) forensic chemists;

17 (B) fingerprint specialists;

18 (C) digital forensic examiners; and

19 (D) any other positions in the Drug En-
20 forcement Administration at such forensic lab-
21 oratories; and

22 (2) other positions in the Drug Enforcement
23 Administration at locations other than such a foren-
24 sic laboratory that will be relocated to such a foren-
25 sic laboratory that, as of the date of the enactment

1 of this Act, is being constructed or otherwise final-
2 ized.

3 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
4 tion may be construed to restrict the authority of the At-
5 torney General to manage the workforce of the Depart-
6 ment of Justice under existing procedures in cases of mis-
7 conduct or poor performance.

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