

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3334

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 3, 2025

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. CRAPO) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and 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”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION.**

8 In this Act, the term “laboratory workforce at the
9 Drug Enforcement Administration” means—

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

4 (A) forensic chemists;

5 (B) fingerprint specialists;

6 (C) digital forensic examiners; and

7 (D) any other positions in the Drug En-
8 forcement Administration at such forensic lab-
9 oratories; and

10 (2) other positions in the Drug Enforcement
11 Administration at locations other than such a foren-
12 sic laboratory that will be relocated to such a foren-
13 sic laboratory that, as of the date of the enactment
14 of this Act, is being constructed or otherwise final-
15 ized.

16 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON REDUCING THE LABORATORY**
17 **WORKFORCE AT THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT**
18 **AGENCY.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The laboratory workforce at the
20 Drug Enforcement Administration shall be exempt from
21 any hiring freezes or workforce reductions related to
22 spending cuts, reprogramming of funds, or the proba-
23 tionary status of employees.

24 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
25 tion may be construed to restrict the authority of the At-

- 1 torney General to manage the workforce of the Depart-
- 2 ment of Justice under existing procedures in cases of mis-
- 3 conduct or poor performance.

