



NATIONAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

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Public Safety Prioritized: Legislative Overview


NDAAs are working to support our prosecutors who are on the front lines of the ongoing crime crisis by supporting bipartisan proposals to make communities safer. Addressing increases in homicides, retail theft, car jackings, and juvenile crime are at the top of the association's mind as the 118th Session of Congress begins to take shape.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

- **Prosecutor Grant Program**, a bill which would make new funds available to hire and train new prosecutors or support staff or rehire staff that were laid off as a result of budget reductions.
- The **Project Safe Neighborhoods Reauthorization**, which improves funding and provides direct support for a nationwide partnership between federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors that uses evidence-based and data-driven approaches to reduce violent crime.
- The **Stop Pills that Kill Act**, that would ensure that current penalties for possessing the paraphernalia used to manufacture methamphetamine would also apply to possessing the paraphernalia used to create counterfeit pills that contain methamphetamine, fentanyl, and fentanyl analogues.
- The **Inmate Financial Accountability Taskforce Act** which examines the Bureau of Prison's (BOP) collection of victim restitution, child support, and fines. Requires the BOP to establish a new task force to address the lack of collection.
- The **SERVE Our Communities Act**, which would increase Department of Justice second-chance grant funding for States that allow a court or magistrate to consider the danger an individual poses to the community when determining pretrial release.
- The **Back the Blue Act**, which increases the penalties available when an offender harms a member of law enforcement or the judiciary. Also increases funding available to improve police and community relations.
- **ENABLERS Act**, expands the definition of "financial institution" under the Bank Secrecy Act to include persons who provide certain professional services that may be used to facilitate money laundering.
- The **Witness Security and Protection Grant Program Act**, which would establish and strengthen witness protection programs through competitive grants to local and state jurisdictions, including prosecutors and law enforcement agencies.

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