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SRCD Endorses Improving Justice Programs Through Science Act

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Bill S.2563

To establish a Science Advisory Board at the Department of Justice

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SRCD has endorsed S.2563 *Improving Justice Programs through Science Act*, a bill that would establish a permanent Science Advisory Board within the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice. The Science Advisory Board, previously chartered by the Obama Administration, provided OJP with information regarding proactive criminal justice reform efforts, including "procedural justice and building trust between police and communities; the importance of trauma-informed care; and youth brain development and implications for juvenile justice programs." The bill also requires the Board to convene on a recurring basis, work with other Federal, State, local, tribal, territorial, and private sector partners, and provide the Assistant Attorney General with guidance on policy developments.