



**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*Reports, Studies and Programs Mandated by the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act*

**Reports**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Section of the Act</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Timing</b>
International Patent Protections for Small Businesses	§ 31 (p. 145)*	USPTO, in consultation with SBA and DOC	Study/report on how to help small business with international patent protection, including a revolving fund loan or grant program to defray costs.	120 days
Prior User Rights	§ 3 (p. 22 )	USPTO	Report on the operation of prior user rights in other industrialized countries	4 months
Genetic Testing	§ 27 (p. 144)	USPTO	Study/report on providing second opinion genetic diagnostic testing	9 months
Effects of First-Inventor-to-File on Small Businesses	§ 3 (p. 21)	SBA Office of Advocacy, in consultation with USPTO GC	Study/report on the effects on small businesses of switching to a first-inventor-to-file system	1 year
Misconduct Before the Office	§ 3 (p. 19)	USPTO	Report on impact of new statute of limitations provisions barring disciplinary action in response to substantial evidence of misconduct before the Office	every 2 years
Satellite Offices	§ 23 (p. 140)	USPTO	Report on the rationale for selecting the location of satellite offices, progress in establishment, and achieving identified purposes	3 years
Implementation of AIA	§ 26 (p. 142)	USPTO	Study/report on how AIA is being implemented by the USPTO and its effects on innovation, competitiveness and small business access to capital	4 years

\* Source, the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act, H.R. 1249.

### Studies

Diversity of Patent Applicants	§ 29 (p. 144)	USPTO	Requires the USPTO to establish methods for studying diversity of patent applicants	6 months
Study of Patent Litigation	§ 34 (p. 147)	Government Accountability Office (GAO)	Study/report by the GAO on the impact of patent infringement litigation by non-practicing entities	1 year

### Programs

Pro Bono	§ 32 (p. 146)	USPTO	Directs USPTO to work with IP law associations to establish pro bono programs to assist financially under-sourced independent inventors and small businesses	immediate
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