

One Hundred Sixteenth Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Friday,
the third day of January, two thousand and twenty*

An Act

To amend the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure to remind prosecutors of their obligations under Supreme Court case law.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Due Process Protections Act”.

SEC. 2. REMINDER OF PROSECUTORIAL OBLIGATIONS.

Rule 5 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure is amended—

- (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (g); and
- (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the following:

“(f) REMINDER OF PROSECUTORIAL OBLIGATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In all criminal proceedings, on the first scheduled court date when both prosecutor and defense counsel are present, the judge shall issue an oral and written order to prosecution and defense counsel that confirms the disclosure obligation of the prosecutor under *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963) and its progeny, and the possible consequences of violating such order under applicable law.

“(2) FORMATION OF ORDER.—Each judicial council in which a district court is located shall promulgate a model order for the purpose of paragraph (1) that the court may use as it determines is appropriate.”.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*