

HR 259

Matthew's Law

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime. (Feb 12, 2001)

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Tancredo, Thomas G. [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Jan 30, 2001
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-43]	R · CA		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Hart, Melissa A. [R-PA-4]	R · PA		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Feb 6, 2001
Rep. Cramer, Robert E. (Bud), Jr. [D-AL-5]	D · AL		Feb 14, 2001
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Mar 6, 2001
Rep. Shows, Ronnie [D-MS-4]	D · MS		Mar 27, 2001
Rep. Bartlett, Roscoe G. [R-MD-6]	R · MD		Apr 24, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 12, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Jan 30, 2001)

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Matthew's Law - Amends the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to direct the United States Sentencing Commission to amend the Federal sentencing guidelines to provide for an enhanced penalty of not less than five levels above the offense level otherwise provided for a crime of violence, if such crime is against a child.

Authorizes the Federal Bureau of Investigation to provide to State and local law enforcement authorities assistance in investigating possible homicides of children under age 13.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 12, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime.
- **Jan 30, 2001:** Introduced in House
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- **Jan 30, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E41)
- **Jan 30, 2001:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.