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S 2168

Equity in Law Enforcement Act Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Mar 4, 2004

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2231)

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2231)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]

Party: Democratic • State: RI • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	$R \cdot TX$		Mar 4, 2004
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	$D \cdot VT$		Mar 4, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 4, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 3523	Identical bill	Dec 10, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary (as of Mar 4, 2004)

Equity in Law Enforcement Act - Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include within the definition of "public safety officer" (thus qualifying for line-of-duty death and disability benefits) individuals serving private institutions of higher education in an official capacity as law enforcement officers, or employed by a rail carrier as police officers, who are sworn, licensed, or certified under State law for purposes of law enforcement and trained to meet training standards for law enforcement officers established by the relevant governmental appointing authority.

Qualifies such officers serving private institutions of higher education and rail carriers under that Act's programs of matching grants for law enforcement armor vests and technical assistance to States and local governments.

Actions Timeline
 Mar 4, 2004: Introduced in Senate Mar 4, 2004: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2230-2231)
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