

HR 3381

Crime Victims Assistance Act of 2003

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

Name: Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]

Party: Democratic • State: DC • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Budget Committee    | House   | Referred To | Oct 28, 2003 |
| Judiciary Committee | House   | Referred to | Dec 10, 2003 |
| Rules Committee     | House   | Referred To | Oct 28, 2003 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Crime Victims Assistance Act of 2003 - Amends: (1) the Victims' Rights and Restitution Act of 1990 to require a responsible official to arrange for a victim (and any other person whose safety, by reason of a relationship with the victim, may reasonably be threatened) (victim) to receive reasonable protection from a suspected offender, to consult with a victim prior to a detention hearing, and to consider the victim's views about any contemplated plea agreement; (2) the Federal criminal code to require the judicial officer to inquire regarding the victim's views on detention; and (3) Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure to prohibit the court from entering a judgment upon a guilty plea without inquiring regarding the victim's views.

Provides for expanded victim's rights regarding standing to attend the trial and rights at sentencing. Specifies victim rights regarding notice of sentence adjustment, executive clemency, and the death of the offender in custody.

Directs the Attorney General to promulgate regulations to enforce victims' rights and to establish and carry out pilot programs regarding victims' rights.

Amends the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to authorize grants for: (1) state-of-the-art systems for notifying crime victims of important dates and developments; (2) restorative justice programs; (3) interdisciplinary coordinated service programs for crime victims; and (4) the extension of services to victims with special communication needs.

Modifies provisions regarding the formula for Crime Victims Fund distributions.

Directs that any limitation on spending from the Fund included in the President's budget or enacted in appropriations legislation for FY 2004 or any subsequent fiscal year not be scored as discretionary savings.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Dec 10, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Oct 28, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Oct 28, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2152)
- **Oct 28, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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