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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 1, 2005

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 2679	Related bill	Aug 3, 2006: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 579.
109 HR 5236	Related bill	Apr 27, 2006: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
109 HR 3506	Identical bill	Sep 19, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act - Establishes an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. Requires the Chief of the Section to be responsible for investigating and prosecuting violations of criminal civil rights statutes in which the complaint alleges that such a violation occurred not later than December 31, 1969, and resulted in a death.

Requires the Chief to consult with state or local officials regarding the appropriate venue for a case where there has been a violation of a criminal civil rights statute that is also a violation of a state or local law.

Directs the Chief to refer cases to the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division if the Chief determines that the subject of the complaint has violated a criminal civil rights statute but the violation does not meet the requirements for the Unsolved Crimes Section.

Requires the Chief, annually, to determine the cases under his or her jurisdiction for which there is sufficient evidence to prosecute violations of criminal civil rights statutes.

Actions Timeline

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