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Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 27, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 2679	Identical bill	Aug 3, 2006: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 579.
109 HR 3506	Related bill	Sep 19, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
109 S 1369	Related bill	Jul 1, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Apr 27, 2006)

Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act - Establishes an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ) and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Requires the Chief of the Section (Chief) and the Chief Investigator of the Office to be responsible for investigating 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 Investigator to refer complaints determined to have violated a criminal rights statute to the Chief, who shall be responsible for prosecuting such violations.

Requires the Chief to: (1) 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; and (2) 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 and report on the cases under his or her jurisdiction for which there is sufficient evidence to prosecute violations of criminal civil rights statutes.

Authorizes additional appropriations to the Community Relations Service of DOJ to provide technical assistance by bringing together law enforcement agencies and communities in the investigation of criminal civil rights statutes.

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