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HR 649

Sunshine in Journalism Act of 2005 Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Feb 8, 2005

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Mar 2, 2005)

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 3, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 8, 2005)

Sunshine in Journalism Act of 2005 - Amends the Federal criminal code to require any print or broadcast journalist within the United States who accepts, or agrees to accept, any valuable consideration from a Government agency for promoting, opposing, or commenting on legislation, policies, regulations, or laws to file a disclosure form with the Department of Justice. Prescribes penalties for failing to file. Directs that all completed disclosure forms be made available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

Actions Timeline
 Mar 2, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. Feb 8, 2005: Introduced in House Feb 8, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.