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# S 1943

A bill to establish uniform standards for interrogation techniques applicable to individuals under the custody or physical control of the United States Government.

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Introduced: Aug 2, 2007

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Aug 2, 2007)

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## **Sponsor**

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Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [D-DE]	D · DE		Nov 6, 2007
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Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D·IA		Nov 13, 2007
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## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 2, 2007

## **Subjects & Policy Tags**

### **Policy Area:**

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

### **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

Prohibits an individual in the custody or control of the U.S. government, regardless of nationality or physical location, from being subject to any treatment or technique of interrogation not authorized by specified sections of the U.S. Army Field Manual on Human Intelligence Collector Operations.

Specifically prohibits the following treatment or techniques: (1) forcing an individual to be naked, perform sexual acts, or pose in a sexual manner; (2) placing a hood or sack over an individual's head, or duct tape over the eyes; (3) beating, electrical shock, burns, or other forms of physical pain; (4) the procedure known as "waterboarding"; (5) threats or attack from a military working dog; (6) inducing hypothermia or heat injury; (7) conducting a mock execution of an individual; and (8) deprivation of necessary food, water, or medical care.

### **Actions Timeline**

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