

HR 3971

Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2008

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]

Party: Democratic • State: VA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4]	R · VA		Oct 25, 2007
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Oct 31, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	Nov 1, 2007
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 25, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 7227	Related bill	Sep 29, 2008: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
110 HR 2908	Related bill	Jul 24, 2007: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2008 - Requires states that receive criminal justice assistance grants under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to report to the Attorney General on a quarterly basis information on the death of any person who is detained, under arrest, or incarcerated in a municipal or county jail, state prison, state-run boot camp, contract facility, or other state or local correctional facility (including any juvenile facility). Requires such information to include: (1) the name, gender, race, ethnicity, and age of the deceased; (2) the date, time, and location of death; (3) the law enforcement agency that detained or arrested the deceased; and (4) a description of the circumstances surrounding the death. Grants states 120 days from the enactment of this Act to comply with such reporting requirements. Permits the Attorney General to grant additional time to states to comply with reporting requirements and to waive such requirements in states where compliance would be unconstitutional.

Grants the Attorney General discretion to reduce by up to 10% the amount of the criminal justice assistance grants of states that fail to comply with the reporting requirements of this Act.

Requires the Attorney General to collect information and provide for a study on the deaths of persons held in custody and to report to Congress on the findings within two years after the enactment of this Act. Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 25, 2008:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1087.
- **Jan 24, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Jan 23, 2008:** Mr. Scott (VA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jan 23, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H428-431)
- **Jan 23, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3971.
- **Jan 23, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H428)
- **Jan 23, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H428)
- **Jan 23, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 23, 2008:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 18, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 110-512.
- **Jan 18, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 313.
- **Nov 7, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 7, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 1, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Nov 1, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 1, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Oct 25, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 25, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.