

HR 5551

To amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to implement the increase provided under the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2008, in the amount of funds made available for the compensation of attorneys representing indigent defendants in the District of Columbia courts, and for other purposes.

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Law: 110-335 (Enacted Oct 2, 2008)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]

Party: Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Mar 6, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 25, 2008
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Discharged from	Mar 13, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Amends the District of Columbia Official Code to increase from \$65 to \$80 the hourly rate of attorneys representing indigent defendants in the District of Columbia courts.

Revises the current cap on total compensation paid to an attorney representing such a defendant to apply the corresponding caps under the federal criminal code. Increases the cap: (1) before the Superior Court of the District from \$1,900 to \$2,000 for misdemeanors and from \$3,600 to \$7,000 for felonies; and (2) to the same amounts for post-trial matters for misdemeanors or felonies.

Sets the cap for representation of a defendant before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals at \$5,000, the limitation under the federal criminal code for representation of a defendant in an appellate court.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 2, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 2, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-335.
- **Sep 23, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 17, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 16, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S8875)
- **Sep 16, 2008:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S8875)
- **Sep 16, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Jul 25, 2008:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Lieberman without amendment. With written report No. 110-432.
- **Jul 25, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 900.
- **Apr 10, 2008:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 2, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Apr 1, 2008:** Mr. Davis (IL) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Apr 1, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1852-1853)
- **Apr 1, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5551.
- **Apr 1, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H1852)
- **Apr 1, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1852)
- **Apr 1, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 31, 2008:** Reported by the Committee on Oversight and Government. H. Rept. 110-560.
- **Mar 31, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 343.
- **Mar 13, 2008:** Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia Discharged.
- **Mar 13, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 13, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 10, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia.
- **Mar 6, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 6, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E320)
- **Mar 6, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.