

HR 6776

David Ray Ritcheson Hate Crime Prevention Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Aug 1, 2008
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 1, 2008
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 1, 2008
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 1, 2008
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 1, 2008
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 1, 2008
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 1, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

David Ray Ritcheson Hate Crime Prevention Act - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow victims of hate crimes to claim unemployment insurance for loss of employment directly resulting from their experience as victims of such crimes.

Prohibits health care insurers from taking into account whether a person is or has been a victim of a hate crime when making a determination as to eligibility for insurance coverage, the rate or premium of an insurance plan or policy, and the amount of insurance coverage provided.

Amends the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to allow a victim of a hate crime to take family and medical leave.

Authorizes the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to award grants to provide housing to victims of a hate crime, homeless individuals who require housing assistance as a result of being a victim of a hate crime, and individuals for whom emergency shelter services are unavailable or insufficient.

Authorizes the Attorney General to award grants to: (1) provide counseling and related assistance to victims of hate crimes and their dependents; (2) establish and operate a national clearinghouse and resource center for information and statistics relating to the incidence and prevention of hate crimes; and (3) establish and operate a national, toll-free telephone hotline and a website to provide information and assistance to victims of hate crimes.

Requires the head of each federal agency to establish prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation programs and services relating to hate crimes for employees.

Authorizes the Secretary of Education to award grants to local educational agencies and institutions of higher education to improve and provide programs relating to hate crimes.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Aug 1, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 1, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, Education and Labor, Oversight and Government Reform, House Administration, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Aug 1, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.