

## HR 1741

Witness Security and Protection Grant Program Act of 2010

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]

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

### Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Mar 26, 2009
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Mar 26, 2009
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Mar 26, 2009
Rep. Sestak, Joe [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Mar 26, 2009
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Mar 26, 2009
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Apr 23, 2009
Resident Commissioner Pierluisi, Pedro R. [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		Apr 27, 2009
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		May 20, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Jun 8, 2009
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 22, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Mar 22, 2010)

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Witness Security and Protection Grant Program Act of 2010 - Directs the Attorney General to: (1) make competitive grants to state, tribal, and local governments to establish or maintain programs to protect or assist witnesses in court proceedings involving homicide, a serious felony or drug offense, or gangs or organized crime; (2) evaluate grant applicants based on specified criteria, including such government's level of witness intimidation and level of serious crimes; (3) provide technical assistance to grant applicants for establishing or maintaining a witness protection plan; and (4) develop and disseminate within one year after development best practice models to assist states and other relevant entities in addressing witness safety, short-term and permanent witness relocation, financial and housing assistance, and other necessary services.

Expresses the sense of Congress that states and relevant entities should use the best practice models developed by the Attorney General to evaluate, improve, and develop witness protection or witness assistance programs.

Requires the Attorney General to: (1) ensure that grants funds under this Act are equitably distributed throughout the United States and that due consideration is given to applicants of rural and urban communities; and (2) report to Congress not later than December 31, 2012, on the implementation of this Act and not later than December 31, 2015, on the programs funded by grants awarded by this Act.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 22, 2010:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Mar 22, 2010:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 329.
- **Feb 25, 2010:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 10, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Jun 9, 2009:** Mr. Johnson (GA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 9, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6325-6329)
- **Jun 9, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1741.
- **Jun 9, 2009:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jun 9, 2009:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6357)
- **Jun 9, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 412 - 11 (Roll no. 315).(text: CR H6325-6326)
- **Jun 9, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 412 - 11 (Roll no. 315). (text: CR H6325-6326)
- **Jun 9, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 8, 2009:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 111-138.
- **Jun 8, 2009:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 70.
- **May 20, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 20, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 26, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 26, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.