

## HR 262

### David Ray Ritcheson Hate Crime Prevention Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Jan 7, 2009

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections. (Mar 16, 2009)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]

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

## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Apr 28, 2009

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jan 7, 2009
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2009
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Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2009
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 14, 2009
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 7, 2009
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 9, 2009
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 7, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 7, 2009

## 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 high education to improve and provide programs relating to hate crimes.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 16, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **Mar 16, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities.
- **Mar 16, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
- **Feb 9, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jan 14, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 7, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 7, 2009:** 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.
- **Jan 7, 2009:** Referred to House Judiciary
- **Jan 7, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means
- **Jan 7, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Jan 7, 2009:** Referred to House Education and Labor
- **Jan 7, 2009:** Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform
- **Jan 7, 2009:** Referred to House Administration
- **Jan 7, 2009:** Referred to House Financial Services