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Text a Tip Act of 2010

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

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| 111 HR 5913 | Related bill | Sep 20, 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. |

Summary (as of May 13, 2010)

Text a Tip Act of 2010 - Authorizes the Attorney General to make grants to state or local police departments to implement an anonymous tip program using cell phone text messaging to assist police in preventing and solving crimes. Sets forth requirements for such program, including that: (1) state or local law police departments shall administer the program; (2) incoming text message shall be stripped of any identifying information and the text tip shall not be traceable by any means; (3) police departments shall train sufficient personnel to intercept and respond to text tips; (4) the program shall be made compatible with most mobile phone providers; and (5) police departments shall promote the participation of citizens, especially youth, in the program.

Actions Timeline

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