

HR 4338

First Responders Support Act of 2009

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 1, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 2885	Identical bill	<b>Dec 16, 2009:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
111 HR 2441	Related bill	<b>Jun 12, 2009:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
111 S 1037	Related bill	<b>May 14, 2009:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

First Responders Support Act of 2009 - Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to: (1) increase death and disability benefits for public safety officers; (2) expand educational benefits for dependents of public safety officers killed or disabled in the line of duty; and (3) require the Bureau of Justice Assistance of the Department of Justice (DOJ) to adopt and apply a system for prioritizing claims for public safety officers' benefits based on the severity of a claim and the likelihood of its approval (grants automatic priority to a claim for death benefits or 100% disability).

Authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance to make grants to organizations for reduced cost mental health services or counseling to public safety officers seriously injured in the line of duty and their families.

Requires the Director to structure, design, and implement a performance measure for the Public Safety Officers Benefits program to monitor the claims process and payment of benefits to public safety officers and their beneficiaries and to report to Congress annually on the performance of the program and its activities.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 1, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
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- **Dec 16, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.