

## HR 5367

D.C. Courts and Public Defender Service Act of 2010

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** May 24, 2010

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Dec 22, 2010)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/5367>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 22, 2010
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported by	May 27, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

D.C. Courts and Public Defender Service Act of 2010 - Amends the District of Columbia Official Code to require the chief judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals to: (1) call biennial or, as under current law, annual judicial conferences; and (2) summon active magistrate judges to such conferences.

Authorizes the chief judges of the District Superior Court and of the District Court of Appeals to toll or delay judicial proceedings in certain natural disaster or other emergency situations.

Authorizes the Executive Officer of the District of Columbia courts to enter into agreements to provide the Mayor of the District with equipment, supplies, and services and credit reimbursements received from the Mayor for them to the appropriation of the District of Columbia courts against which they were charged.

Amends the District of Columbia Court Reform and Criminal Procedure Act of 1970 to require the District of Columbia Public Defender Service, to the extent its Director considers appropriate, to provide representation for and hold harmless, or provide liability insurance for, any employee, member of the Board of Trustees, or officer of the Service for money damages arising out of any claim, proceeding, or case at law relating to the furnishing of representational, management, or related services while acting within the scope of that person's office or employment, including employment actions, injury, loss of liberty, property damage, loss of property, personal injury, or death arising from the officer's or employee's malpractice or negligence.

Amends the District of Columbia Official Code to reduce from five years to three years the term for a judge of the Family Court of the Superior Court.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 22, 2010:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Nov 17, 2010:** Received in the Senate.
- **Nov 16, 2010:** Ms. Norton moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 16, 2010:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7465-7467)
- **Nov 16, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5367.
- **Nov 16, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7465-7466)
- **Nov 16, 2010:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7465-7466)
- **Nov 16, 2010:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 16, 2010:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 23, 2010:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 23, 2010:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 27, 2010:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 27, 2010:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **May 25, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia.
- **May 24, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **May 24, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.