S 1379

D.C. Courts and Public Defender Service Act of 2011

Congress: 112 (2011–2013, Ended)
Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics
Introduced: Jul 18, 2011
Current Status: Became Public Law No: 112-229.
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Law: 112-229 (Enacted Dec 28, 2012)
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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 25, 2012
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 10, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on July 9, 2012. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

D.C. Courts and Public Defender Service Act of 2011 - 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.

Limits such toll or delay to 14 days, unless the chief judge determines, with the consent of the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration, that an emergency situation requires additional extensions.

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.

Reduces from five to three years the term an individual may be assigned to serve as a judge of the Family Court of the Superior Court.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 28, 2012:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 28, 2012:** Became Public Law No: 112-229.
- **Dec 17, 2012:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 13, 2012:** Mr. Chaffetz moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 13, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6772-6775)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1379.
- **Dec 13, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6772-6773)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6772-6773)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 10, 2012:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 10, 2012:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 10, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.
- **Jul 9, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S4790-4791; text as passed Senate: CR 7/10/2012 S4831-4832)
- **Jul 9, 2012:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S4790-4791; text as passed Senate: CR 7/10/2012 S4831-4832)
- **Jun 25, 2012:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Lieberman with an amendment. With written report No. 112-178.
- **Jun 25, 2012:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 436.
- **Oct 19, 2011:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Jul 18, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 18, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.