

## S 1793

Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2012

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Nov 2, 2011

**Current Status:** Held at the desk.

**Latest Action:** Held at the desk. (Dec 18, 2012)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-bill/1793>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 17, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 2076	Identical bill	<b>Jan 14, 2013:</b> Became Public Law No: 112-265.

Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2012 - Authorizes the Attorney General (AG), at the request of an appropriate law enforcement official of a state or political subdivision, to assist in the investigation of violent acts and shootings occurring in a place of public use, and in the investigation of mass killings and attempted mass killings.

Defines "mass killings" as three or more killings in a single incident.

Authorizes the AG to pay rewards of up to \$3 million (currently, \$2 million), subject to exceptions, for assistance to the Department of Justice (DOJ).

Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to permit the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS), at the request of an appropriate law enforcement official of a state or political subdivision and through deployment of the Secret Service or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), to assist in the investigation of violent acts and shootings occurring in a place of public use, and in the investigation of mass killings and attempted mass killings.

Requires that any assistance provided under this Act be presumed to be within the scope of federal office or employment.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 18, 2012:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 18, 2012:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 18, 2012:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 17, 2012:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S8087)
- **Dec 17, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 17, 2012:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 17, 2011:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Nov 17, 2011:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy without amendment. Without written report.
- **Nov 17, 2011:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 233.
- **Nov 2, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 2, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.