

S 2076

Local Courthouse Safety Act of 2012

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Law

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

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Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 7, 2012
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Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 29, 2012
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Apr 18, 2012
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 7, 2012
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 15, 2012
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 22, 2012
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		May 23, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Mar 19, 2012
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Markup By	May 24, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 6185	Related bill	Sep 12, 2012: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Local Courthouse Safety Act of 2012 - Authorizes the Attorney General, as part of the Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability Initiative (VALOR) of the Department of Justice (DOJ), to provide safety training and technical assistance to local law enforcement agencies.

Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to permit states and other grant recipients under the State Homeland Security Grant Program, the Urban Area Security Initiative, and Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to use grant funds to improve security at state or local government courthouses.

Directs the Administrator of General Services (GSA) to ensure that state or local governments have an opportunity to request excess security equipment (metal detectors, wands, baggage screening devices) for state or local courthouses having less security equipment than such courthouses require before such equipment is made available to any other individual or entity. Requires that priority be given to courthouses that have no security equipment.

Actions Timeline

- **May 24, 2012:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 19, 2012:** Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 19, 2012:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Feb 7, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 7, 2012:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S390)
- **Feb 7, 2012:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S391)