

## S 2127

### State Witness Protection Act of 2012

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Feb 17, 2012)

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## Sponsor

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 17, 2012

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

State Witness Protection Act of 2012 - Amends the federal criminal code to impose criminal penalties on any person who kills, or attempts to kill, a witness in a state or local judicial proceeding, who uses physical force or the threat of force against such a witness, or who offers such witness anything of value with the intent to: (1) influence, delay, or prevent the testimony or attendance of such witness at a state or local judicial proceeding; (2) prevent the production of a record or document in a state or local judicial proceeding; (3) cause or induce any person to withhold testimony or evidence, destroy evidence, evade legal process, or be absent from a state or local judicial proceeding; (4) hinder, delay, or prevent any person from providing information to a state or local law enforcement officer or judge; or (5) retaliate against any person for attending a state or local judicial proceeding or providing information to a law enforcement officer.

Directs the U.S. Sentencing Commission to amend guidelines to increase the sentencing range for obstruction of justice if such crime involved threatening, harming, or bribing a witness or the destruction of evidence.

#### **Actions Timeline**

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