

HR 2802

Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2011

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 5163	Related bill	May 18, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law.
112 S 410	Related bill	Dec 6, 2011: Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts. Hearings held.

Summary (as of Aug 5, 2011)

Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2011 - Authorizes the presiding judge of a U.S. appellate court (including the Supreme Court) or U.S. district court to permit the photographing, electronic recording, broadcasting, or televising to the public of court proceedings over which that judge presides, except when such action would constitute a violation of the due process rights of any party.

Directs: (1) a district court, upon the request of any witness in a trial proceeding other than a party, to order the face and voice of the witness to be disguised or otherwise obscured to render the witness unrecognizable to the broadcast audience of the trial proceeding; and (2) the presiding judge in a trial proceeding to inform each witness who is not a party of the right to make such request.

Authorizes the Judicial Conference to promulgate mandatory guidelines with respect to the management and administration of photographing, recording, broadcasting, or televising described in this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 25, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law.
- **Aug 5, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 5, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.