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Elder Abuse Victims Act of 2011

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Sponsor

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Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 2, 2011
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Mar 2, 2011
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 2, 2011
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 2, 2011
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Mar 2, 2011
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Apr 8, 2011
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 6, 2011
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 21, 2011

Committee Activity

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Related Bills

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112 S 3598	Related bill	Sep 20, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
112 HR 2564	Related bill	Aug 25, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Elder Abuse Victims Act of 2011 - Establishes within the Department of Justice (DOJ) an Office of Elder Justice, which shall address issues relating to elder abuse. Requires the Director of such Office to: (1) provide information, training, and technical assistance to assist states and local governments in preventing, investigating, prosecuting, and mitigating the impact of elder abuse, exploitation, and neglect and in addressing the physical and psychological trauma to victims of such abuse; (2) evaluate the efficacy of measures intended to prevent, detect, respond to, or redress elder abuse and the extent to which the needs of the victims in each state are met by crime victim services, programs, and sources of funding; (3) evaluate training models to determine best practices for investigating elder abuse, addressing evidentiary and legal issues, and interacting with victims; and (4) conduct, and regularly update, a study of state laws and practices relating to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Directs the Attorney General to annually: (1) collect from federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and prosecutor offices statistical data relating to the incidence of elder abuse; (2) identify common data points among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and prosecutor offices that would allow for the collection of uniform national data; (3) publish a summary of the data collected; (4) identify the types of elder abuse data that should be collected and what entity is most capable of collecting it; and (5) develop recommendations for collecting additional data.

Authorizes the Director to provide grants and technical assistance to assist not more than 15 states in establishing and operating programs designed to improve: (1) the response to elder abuse in a manner that limits additional trauma to victims, and (2) the investigation and prosecution of cases of elder abuse. Requires eligible states to: (1) have a qualified crime victims compensation program; and (2) establish or designate a multidisciplinary task force on elder justice.

Amends the Social Security Act to include the Director as the alternate for the Attorney General as a member of the Elder Justice Coordinating Council.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 2, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 2, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1142)
- **Mar 2, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1143-1144)