

## S 962

### Equity in Law Enforcement Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]

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

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		Apr 15, 2015
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Apr 15, 2015
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 15, 2015
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 15, 2015
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 20, 2015
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 4, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 15, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Equity in Law Enforcement Act of 2015**

Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to: (1) expand the definition of "public service officer," for purposes of provisions concerning public safety officer death benefits, to include a law enforcement officer serving a private institution of higher education in an official capacity, or a rail police officer employed by a rail carrier, who is sworn, licensed, or certified under the laws of a state for the purposes of law enforcement (applicable to a personal injury sustained in the line of duty by a public safety officer on or after April 15, 2013); (2) authorize the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance to make grants to such institutions and carriers for the purchase of armor vests for such officers; and (3) include such institutions and carriers among entities eligible for contracts or subawards under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

## **Actions Timeline**

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