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Savanna's Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]

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

Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Oct 5, 2017
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Oct 5, 2017
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 5, 2017
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Oct 5, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Oct 5, 2017
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Oct 23, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 23, 2017
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Oct 25, 2017
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Nov 28, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 12, 2018
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jun 6, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 6, 2018
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Nov 13, 2018
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 14, 2018
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Nov 14, 2018
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Dec 4, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 4, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6545	Related bill	Sep 19, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
115 HR 4485	Identical bill	Jan 9, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

Summary (as of Dec 6, 2018)

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This bill directs the Department of Justice (DOJ) to review, revise, and develop law enforcement and justice protocols to address missing and murdered Indians.

Among other things, DOJ must:

- provide training to law enforcement agencies on how to record tribal enrollment for victims in federal databases,
- conduct outreach to Indian tribes regarding the ability to enter information through the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System or other public portal,
- develop guidelines for responding to cases of missing and murdered Indians, and
- report statistics on missing and murdered Indians.

Federal law enforcement agencies must modify their guidelines to incorporate the guidelines developed by DOJ.

The FBI must include gender in its annual statistics on missing and unidentified persons published on its website.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 10, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 10, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 10, 2018:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 6, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S7365-7366; text: CR S7365-7366)
- **Dec 6, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S7365-7366; text: CR S7365-7366)
- **Dec 4, 2018:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Hoeven with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 115-411.
- **Dec 4, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 715.
- **Nov 14, 2018:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Oct 25, 2017:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-329.
- **Oct 5, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 5, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S6363-6365)