

S 2135

Fix NICS Act of 2017

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Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

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Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 28, 2017
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Nov 28, 2017
Sen. McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]	R · KY		Nov 28, 2017
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Nov 28, 2017
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Nov 28, 2017
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Nov 28, 2017
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Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Nov 29, 2017
Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]	R · TN		Dec 5, 2017
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Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Dec 19, 2017
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Dec 19, 2017
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Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Dec 19, 2017
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Dec 21, 2017
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Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Feb 27, 2018
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 27, 2018
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Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Mar 12, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 12, 2018
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Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 12, 2018
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Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 20, 2018
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 20, 2018
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 20, 2018
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Mar 21, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Mar 14, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4434	Identical bill	Dec 13, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
115 HR 38	Related bill	Dec 7, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
115 HR 4477	Related bill	Dec 5, 2017: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 322.

Summary (as of Nov 15, 2017)

Fix NICS Act of 2017

This bill amends the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act to require each federal agency and department, including a federal court, to:

- certify whether it has provided to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) disqualifying records of persons prohibited from receiving or possessing a firearm, and
- establish and substantially comply with an implementation plan to maximize record submissions and verify their accuracy.

The bill amends the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007 to:

- direct the Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish a state implementation plan, including benchmarks, to maximize the automation and submission of mental health and criminal history records to the NICS;
- waive the grant match requirement under the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) for a state that complies with its implementation plan;
- reauthorize through FY2022 the NICS Act Record Improvement Program (NARIP);
- establish, as a priority area for NARIP grant funding, a domestic abuse and violence prevention initiative; and
- create a funding preference under the NARIP program for states that establish an implementation plan and use grant funds to upload felony conviction and domestic violence records.

It amends the Crime Identification Technology Act of 1998 to reauthorize through FY2022 the NCHIP program. If a state complies with its implementation plan, then the federal share of an NCHIP grant may exceed 90% of program costs.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 14, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
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- **Nov 15, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 15, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7163-7265)