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Courthouse Dogs Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Apr 4, 2019

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Jan 30, 2020)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1029>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA] | D · CA | | Apr 4, 2019 |
| Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN] | R · TN | | Dec 18, 2019 |
| Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA] | R · IA | | Dec 18, 2019 |
| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA] | D · MA | | Dec 18, 2019 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|---------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Discharged From | Dec 20, 2019 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred to | Jan 30, 2020 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 116 HR 5403 | Identical bill | Jan 28, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet. |

Summary (as of Dec 19, 2019)

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This bill authorizes federal courts to allow a certified facility dog to accompany a witness testifying in a criminal proceeding.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 30, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Dec 23, 2019:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 23, 2019:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 23, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7233-7234)
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S7233-7234)
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S7233-7234)
- **Apr 4, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 4, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.