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Federal Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Act of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]

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

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 27, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6100	Related bill	Jan 5, 2021: Became Public Law No: 116-309.
116 S 2920	Related bill	Nov 21, 2019: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 308.
116 HR 3583	Identical bill	Jul 30, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

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This bill modifies the general prohibition on female genital mutilation.

Specifically, the bill prohibits this conduct when it occurs in or affects interstate or foreign commerce. (A 2018 court ruling held the criminal offense of female genital mutilation to be unconstitutional because the statute did not include any jurisdictional elements, such as a requirement that the charged offense have a connection to or effect on interstate commerce.)

Actions Timeline

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