

## S 2059

### Justice for Victims of Sanctuary Cities Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jul 9, 2019)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]

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

## Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Jul 9, 2019
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Jul 9, 2019
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Jul 9, 2019
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Jul 9, 2019
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Jul 9, 2019
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 16, 2019
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jul 16, 2019
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jul 30, 2019
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Oct 16, 2019
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Oct 30, 2019
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Nov 13, 2019
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Nov 13, 2019
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Nov 14, 2019
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Feb 25, 2020
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 9, 2020
Sen. Loeffler, Kelly [R-GA]	R · GA		Jul 27, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 9, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Immigration

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3964	Identical bill	Aug 15, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

## Summary (as of Jul 9, 2019)

### Justice for Victims of Sanctuary Cities Act of 2019

This bill provides a private right of action against state and local jurisdictions with certain policies that limit cooperation with federal immigration enforcement efforts, and contains additional provisions related to such jurisdictions. Currently, such cooperation is generally not required.

An individual (or certain relatives of such an individual) who is the victim of any felony for which an alien has been arrested, convicted, or sentenced to a prison term of at least one year may sue a state or local jurisdiction if the jurisdiction failed to comply with (1) certain Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requests related to arresting and detaining aliens, and (2) a DHS request to detain the alien in question or provide a notification about the release of the alien. A jurisdiction that accepts certain federal grants may not assert immunity in such a civil action.

A jurisdiction (or employee of a jurisdiction) that complies with certain DHS detainer requests shall be deemed to be acting as an agent of DHS. A complying jurisdiction or employee of the jurisdiction shall not be liable in any lawsuit relating to compliance with such requests. In a lawsuit against an employee of the jurisdiction, the United States shall be substituted in as the defendant, and remedies shall be limited to provisions for bringing tort claims against the federal government.

## Actions Timeline

- Jul 9, 2019: Introduced in Senate
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