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Walter Scott Notification Act of 2020

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]

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

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| Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC] | R · NC | | Jun 9, 2020 |

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 HR 7188 | Identical bill | Jun 11, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. |

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This bill establishes new requirements for existing grant programs to incentivize reporting on deadly shootings by law enforcement.

Specifically, it requires a state that receives funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program to report certain data on deadly shootings by law enforcement officers. It reduces by 10% the JAG allocation of a state that fails to comply.

Additionally, for an initial four-year period, the Department of Justice (DOJ) may give preference to a Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program grant applicant from a state that reports data on deadly shootings by law enforcement. Beginning in the fifth year, DOJ must reduce by 20% the COPS allocation of a state that fails to report such data.

Actions Timeline

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