

## S 3873

Walter Scott Notification Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Jun 3, 2020

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jun 3, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/3873>

### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (7 total)

| Cosponsor                   | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------|-------------|
| Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]   | R · ND        |      | Jun 3, 2020 |
| Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]     | R · IA        |      | Jun 3, 2020 |
| Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA] | R · IA        |      | Jun 3, 2020 |
| Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK] | R · OK        |      | Jun 3, 2020 |
| Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]     | R · IN        |      | Jun 4, 2020 |
| Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]     | R · AR        |      | Jun 9, 2020 |
| Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]  | R · NC        |      | Jun 9, 2020 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Judiciary Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jun 3, 2020 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action   |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| 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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