

S 3912

Justice in Policing Act of 2020

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Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 8, 2020
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Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 8, 2020
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Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 8, 2020
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Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 8, 2020
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 11, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 8, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7120	Identical bill	Jul 20, 2020: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 490.
116 S 3956	Related bill	Jun 11, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 7089	Related bill	Jun 4, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 7100	Related bill	Jun 4, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 35	Related bill	Feb 27, 2020: Received in the Senate.
116 S 3063	Related bill	Dec 17, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 4168	Related bill	Sep 25, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
116 HR 4339	Related bill	Sep 25, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
116 S 2355	Related bill	Jul 31, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 3364	Related bill	Jul 30, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
116 HR 3536	Related bill	Jul 30, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
116 S 488	Related bill	Mar 22, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
116 HR 1714	Related bill	Mar 14, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.

Summary (as of Jun 8, 2020)

Justice in Policing Act of 2020

This bill addresses a wide range of policies and issues regarding policing practices and law enforcement accountability. It includes measures to increase accountability for law enforcement misconduct, to enhance transparency and data collection, and to eliminate discriminatory policing practices.

The bill facilitates federal enforcement of constitutional violations (e.g., excessive use of force) by state and local law enforcement. Among other things, it does the following:

- lowers the criminal intent standard—from willful to knowing or reckless—to convict a law enforcement officer for misconduct in a federal prosecution,
- limits qualified immunity as a defense to liability in a private civil action against a law enforcement officer or state correctional officer, and
- authorizes the Department of Justice to issue subpoenas in investigations of police departments for a pattern or practice of discrimination.

The bill also creates a national registry—the National Police Misconduct Registry—to compile data on complaints and records of police misconduct.

It establishes a framework to prohibit racial profiling at the federal, state, and local levels.

The bill establishes new requirements for law enforcement officers and agencies, including to report data on use-of-force incidents, to obtain training on implicit bias and racial profiling, and to wear body cameras.

Actions Timeline

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