

HR 4199

Safer Communities Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 21, 2019
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Safer Communities Act of 2019

This bill establishes grants for mental health programs, revises certain prohibitions related to firearms, and revises criminal history reporting systems.

Specifically, it provides grants to expand mental health crisis assistance programs, support comprehensive school mental health programs, and enhance mental health and substance abuse needs of prisoners.

The Department of Health and Human Services must expand research on violence associated with mental illness and substance abuse disorders.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention must expand the National Violent Death Reporting System to all 50 states and research the causes, mechanisms, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of injuries from gun violence.

Additionally, physicians are not prohibited from asking patients about guns in their homes, speaking to a patient about gun safety, or reporting a patient's threat of violence.

The bill authorizes state grants to remove firearms from individuals who pose a threat to themselves or others.

The Department of Justice must promptly notify law enforcement agencies when a prohibited person attempts to purchase a firearm.

It also revises the National Instant Criminal Background Check System to

- establish procedures to restore firearm ownership rights after a mental health adjudication or commitment,
- authorize state grants for the automation and transmittal of mental health and criminal history records, and
- require certain annual reports and quarterly updates.

Finally, it reauthorizes through FY2024 the National Criminal History Records Improvement Program.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Aug 21, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Aug 20, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 20, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.