

## S 5060

Office for Access to Justice Establishment Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Law

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Dec 17, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 17, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Law

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 9018	Identical bill	<b>Dec 17, 2020:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

### Summary (as of Dec 17, 2020)

#### Office for Access to Justice Establishment Act of 2020

This bill establishes the Office for Access to Justice within the Department of Justice (DOJ) to advise on matters relating to justice for low-income and other people in the criminal and civil justice systems. Additionally, DOJ must establish a Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable to raise the awareness of executive branch agencies of the ways in which civil legal aid and indigent defense can help advance federal objectives, including those related to employment, family stability, housing, consumer protection, health services, and public safety.

### Actions Timeline

- Dec 17, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
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