

## HR 5227

Technology in Criminal Justice Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Dec 19, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jan 10, 2020
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Sep 18, 2020
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Sep 30, 2020
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Sep 30, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 21, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 19, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Technology in Criminal Justice Act of 2019

This bill sets forth initiatives to improve the capacity of law enforcement to utilize digital evidence in conducting criminal justice activities.

Among other things, the bill does the following:

- establishes within the Department of Justice (DOJ) a new office—the Office of Digital Law Enforcement—to train, support, and prepare criminal justice personnel;
- requires DOJ to designate a federal entity to be the Center of Excellence for Digital Forensics;
- provides for a review of existing programs that provide training, education, and technical assistance to improve digital evidence capacity of criminal justice personnel;
- establishes a new program—a Law Enforcement Technology Support to State and Local Law Enforcement program—to facilitate the use of existing grant funds to improve the digital evidence capacity of law enforcement personnel; and
- establishes the Department of Justice Technology Policy Advisory Board to foster dialogue on policy issues.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 19, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Nov 21, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 21, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.