

HR 6721

COVID–19 Hate Crimes Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 5, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 5, 2020)

COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act

This bill requires a designated officer or employee of the Department of Justice to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) hate crimes and reports of COVID-19 hate crimes.

It defines *COVID-19 hate crime* as a violent crime that is motivated by two things: (1) the actual or perceived characteristic (e.g., race) of any person, and (2) the actual or perceived relationship to the spread of COVID-19 of any person because of that characteristic.

The designated officer or employee must periodically report on the status of each case reviewed.

Actions Timeline

- **May 5, 2020:** Introduced in House
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