

S 855

Closing the Law Enforcement Consent Loophole Act of 2019

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 25, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 25, 2019
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 25, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 25, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3985	Related bill	Jan 1, 2021: Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (CR S7995)
116 HR 7278	Related bill	Jun 18, 2020: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and the Budget, 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.
116 S 2920	Related bill	Nov 21, 2019: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 308.
116 S 2843	Related bill	Nov 13, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S6569)
116 HR 1585	Related bill	Apr 10, 2019: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 66.
116 HR 1574	Identical bill	Apr 8, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

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This bill makes it unlawful for a federal law enforcement officer to engage in a sexual act while acting under color of law or with an individual who is under arrest, in detention, or in custody.

Consent is not a defense to prosecution for unlawful conduct. A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to 15 years, or both.

Additionally, the bill authorizes the Department of Justice to make grants to states that have in effect similar laws. Grants must be used for the same purposes as formula grants under the STOP Violence Against Women Program and the Sexual Assault Services Program.

Actions Timeline

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