

S 855

Closing the Law Enforcement Consent Loophole Act of 2019

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Mar 25, 2019

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)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/855>

Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| 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 |
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| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Referred To | Mar 25, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 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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