

## S 1502

### COPS Counseling Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Apr 29, 2021

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 117-60.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 117-60. (Nov 18, 2021)

**Law:** 117-60 (Enacted Nov 18, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1502>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]

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

### Cosponsors (10 total)

| Cosponsor                         | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]       | R · IA        |      | Apr 29, 2021 |
| Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]     | D · VT        |      | Apr 29, 2021 |
| Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]        | R · NC        |      | Apr 29, 2021 |
| Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]           | R · IN        |      | Apr 29, 2021 |
| Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE] | D · DE        |      | May 11, 2021 |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]      | D · MI        |      | May 11, 2021 |
| Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]       | D · NJ        |      | May 13, 2021 |
| Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]    | D · IL        |      | May 13, 2021 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]        | D · MN        |      | May 13, 2021 |
| Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]           | D · GA        |      | May 13, 2021 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity        | Date        |
|---------------------|---------|-----------------|-------------|
| Judiciary Committee | Senate  | Discharged From | Jun 7, 2021 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action                                                                           |
|-------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 117 HR 3070 | Related bill | Nov 9, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. |

## Confidentiality Opportunities for Peer Support Counseling Act or the COPS Counseling Act

This bill sets forth requirements related to peer support counseling programs. A peer support counseling program is a program provided by a law enforcement agency that provides counseling services from a peer support specialist to a law enforcement officer of the agency.

Among other things, the bill does the following:

- generally prohibits the disclosure of the contents of a peer support communication, and
- requires the Department of Justice to develop best practices and professional standards for peer support counseling programs.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 18, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **Nov 18, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 117-60.
- **Nov 9, 2021:** Presented to President.
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Ms. Jackson Lee moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5944-5948)
- **Oct 27, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1502.
- **Oct 27, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5953-5954)
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 424 - 3 (Roll no. 337).(text: CR H5944)
- **Oct 27, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 424 - 3 (Roll no. 337). (text: CR H5944)
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 11, 2021:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 11, 2021:** Held at the desk.
- **Jun 8, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 7, 2021:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 7, 2021:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S3965-3966)
- **Jun 7, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S3965-3966)
- **Jun 7, 2021:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S3965-3966)
- **May 13, 2021:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 29, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 29, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.