

## S 1721

Eric's Law

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**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Aug 10, 2021
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Aug 10, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 19, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3151	Identical bill	Nov 9, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

### Summary (as of May 19, 2021)

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This bill modifies procedures with respect to capital sentencing hearings.

If a jury at a capital sentencing hearing does not reach a unanimous recommendation on the defendant's sentence and there is a motion by the attorney for the government, the court must order a new special sentencing hearing and impanel a new jury. If the new jury at the special sentencing hearing does not reach a unanimous recommendation on the defendant's sentence, then the court is prohibited from imposing a death sentence.

## **Actions Timeline**

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