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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (May 19, 2021)

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Sponsor

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

Party: Republican • State: PA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

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| 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 |
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| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Referred To | May 19, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 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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