

HR 1843

COVID–19 Hate Crimes Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 19, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 19, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 937	Related bill	May 20, 2021: Became Public Law No: 117-13.
117 S 963	Related bill	Mar 25, 2021: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 30.
117 S 728	Related bill	Mar 11, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act

This bill requires a designated officer or employee of the Department of Justice (DOJ) to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) hate crimes and reports of COVID-19 hate crimes.

It defines *COVID-19 hate crime* as a violent crime that is motivated by two things: (1) the actual or perceived characteristic (e.g., race or ethnicity) of any person, and (2) the actual or perceived relationship to the spread of COVID-19 of any person because of that characteristic.

The bill requires DOJ to issue guidance for state and local law enforcement agencies on (1) the establishment of online hate crime reporting processes and the availability of online reporting in multiple languages, and (2) the expansion of culturally competent education campaigns. Additionally, DOJ and the Department of Health and Human Services must issue guidance on best practices for mitigating racially discriminatory language in describing the COVID-19 pandemic.

Actions Timeline

- **May 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **May 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E235-236)
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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