

## S 2701

### Office for Access to Justice Establishment Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Law

**Introduced:** Aug 10, 2021

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Aug 10, 2021)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]

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

## Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor                | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|--------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX] | R · TX        |      | Aug 10, 2021 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Aug 10, 2021 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Law

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action   |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| 117 HR 4501 | Identical bill | Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. |

## Summary (as of Aug 10, 2021)

### Office for Access to Justice Establishment Act of 2021

This bill establishes the Office for Access to Justice within the Department of Justice (DOJ) to advise on matters relating to justice for low-income and other underrepresented people in the criminal and civil justice systems. Additionally, DOJ must establish a Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable to raise the awareness of executive branch agencies of the ways in which civil legal aid and indigent defense can help advance federal objectives, including those related to employment, family stability, housing, consumer protection, health services, and public safety.

## Actions Timeline

- **Aug 10, 2021:** Introduced in Senate

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