

## HR 3359

### Homicide Victims' Families' Rights Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** May 19, 2021

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 117-164.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 117-164. (Aug 3, 2022)

**Law:** 117-164 (Enacted Aug 3, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/3359>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		May 19, 2021
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jul 22, 2021
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Jul 22, 2021
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jul 22, 2021
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Jul 30, 2021
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jul 30, 2021
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Jul 30, 2021
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Jul 30, 2021
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Jul 30, 2021
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Mar 24, 2022
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Mar 28, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Dec 8, 2021
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jul 25, 2022

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4549	Related bill	<b>Jul 19, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### Summary (as of Aug 3, 2022)

#### **Homicide Victims' Families' Rights Act of 2021**

This bill establishes a framework for immediate family members of a victim of murder under federal law to request a review of the victim's case file if the murder was committed more than three years prior, the murder was investigated by a federal law enforcement entity, all probative investigative leads have been exhausted, and no likely perpetrator has been identified.

### Actions Timeline

- **Aug 3, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **Aug 3, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-164.
- **Aug 2, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 26, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 25, 2022:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 25, 2022:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S3627)
- **Jul 25, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 25, 2022:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 30, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Mar 29, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3952-3953)
- **Mar 29, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 406 - 20 (Roll no. 88). (text: 3/28/2022 CR H3875-3876)
- **Mar 29, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 406 - 20 (Roll no. 88). (text: 3/28/2022 CR H3875-3876)
- **Mar 29, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 28, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 117-280.
- **Mar 28, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 207.
- **Mar 28, 2022:** Ms. Jackson Lee moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 28, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3875-3880)
- **Mar 28, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3359.
- **Mar 28, 2022:** 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.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Discharged.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **May 19, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 19, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.