

HR 4893

BLUE Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. (Aug 2, 2021)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Jul 30, 2021
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Aug 23, 2021
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Sep 24, 2021
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Sep 30, 2021
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Oct 20, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 2, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2961	Identical bill	Oct 7, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Blocking Lawlessness from Undermining Enforcement Act or the BLUE Act

This bill generally prohibits the use of Highway Safety Program or National Priority Safety Program funds for traffic control or enforcement by a state or locality that defunds the police (i.e., reduces its police budget and reallocates the funds to other government agencies).

However, states and localities may use such funds for traffic control and enforcement if (1) reducing the police budget is part of an overall budget reduction, or (2) the police chief decides to reallocate a portion of the police budget for mental health programs. Additionally, a state or locality may request an exemption from the prohibition.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Jul 30, 2021:** Introduced in House
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