

HR 4977

Better Cybercrime Metrics Act

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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Judiciary Committee | House | Markup By | Dec 8, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 S 2629 | Identical bill | May 5, 2022: Became Public Law No: 117-116. |

Summary (as of Aug 6, 2021)

Better Cybercrime Metrics Act

This bill establishes various requirements to improve the collection of data related to cybercrime and cyber-enabled crime (cybercrime). Among the requirements

- the Department of Justice (DOJ) must enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to develop a taxonomy for categorizing different types of cybercrime faced by individuals and businesses;
- DOJ must establish a category in the National Incident-Based Reporting System for collecting cybercrime reports from federal, state, and local officials;
- DOJ's Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Bureau of the Census must include questions about cybercrime in the annual National Crime Victimization Survey; and
- the Government Accountability Office must assess the effectiveness of reporting mechanisms for cybercrime and disparities in reporting cybercrime data and other types of crime data.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 8, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Aug 6, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 6, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.