

## S 529

### Background Check Expansion Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 2, 2021)

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## Sponsor

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

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Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 2, 2021

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 2, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8	Related bill	May 25, 2022: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 390.
117 S 1155	Related bill	Apr 15, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1985)

## Summary (as of Mar 2, 2021)

### Background Check Expansion Act

This bill establishes new background check requirements for firearm transfers between private parties (i.e., unlicensed individuals).

Specifically, it prohibits a firearm transfer between private parties unless a licensed gun dealer, manufacturer, or importer first takes possession of the firearm to conduct a background check.

The prohibition does not apply to certain firearm transfers, such as a gift between spouses in good faith.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 2, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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