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### Justice for Victims of Sanctuary Cities Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Jan 27, 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. (Jan 27, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Jan 27, 2021
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Jan 27, 2021
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Jan 27, 2021
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jan 27, 2021
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Jan 27, 2021
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Jan 27, 2021
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Jan 27, 2021
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Jan 27, 2021
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Jan 27, 2021
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Jan 27, 2021
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jan 27, 2021
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Jan 27, 2021
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Jan 28, 2021
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Feb 2, 2021
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 12, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 27, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 515	Identical bill	<b>Mar 5, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

## Summary (as of Jan 27, 2021)

### Justice for Victims of Sanctuary Cities Act of 2021

This bill provides a private right of action against state and local jurisdictions with certain policies that limit cooperation with federal immigration enforcement efforts, and contains additional provisions related to such jurisdictions. Currently, such cooperation is generally not required.

An individual (or certain relatives of such an individual) who is the victim of any felony for which an alien has been arrested, convicted, or sentenced to a prison term of at least one year may sue a state or local jurisdiction if the jurisdiction failed to comply with (1) certain Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requests related to arresting and detaining aliens, and (2) a DHS request to detain the alien in question or provide a notification about the release of the alien. A jurisdiction that accepts certain federal grants may not assert immunity in such a civil action.

A jurisdiction (or employee of a jurisdiction) that complies with certain DHS detainer requests shall be deemed to be acting as an agent of DHS. A complying jurisdiction or employee of the jurisdiction shall not be liable in any lawsuit relating to compliance with such requests. In a lawsuit against an employee of the jurisdiction, the United States shall be substituted in as the defendant, and remedies shall be limited to provisions for bringing tort claims against the federal government.

### Actions Timeline

- **Jan 27, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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