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Defending Our Defenders Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 9, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 9, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1690	Identical bill	May 18, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary (as of Mar 9, 2021)

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This bill establishes federal criminal offenses involving the murder of federal, state, or local law enforcement officers. Violators are subject to life in prison or death.

The bill sets forth aggravating factors (e.g., intent to ambush or prior history of promoting violence against a law enforcement officer) to be considered in determining whether to impose the death penalty.

Actions Timeline

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