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Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2021

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Law

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Current Status: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

Latest Action: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. (Jun 24, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 18, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Markup By	Jun 24, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 18, 2021)

Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2021

This bill establishes a framework to allow federal court proceedings—in district courts, in circuit courts, and at the Supreme Court—to be photographed, recorded, broadcast, or televised. Specifically, it authorizes the presiding judge to permit media coverage of court proceedings, subject to requirements and limitations.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 24, 2021:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 18, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 18, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.