

S 921

Jaime Zapata and Victor Avila Federal Officers and Employees Protection Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Law: 117-59 (Enacted Nov 18, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

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

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		May 10, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 13, 2021
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		May 13, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 13, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		May 13, 2021
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		May 13, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		May 17, 2021
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Sep 15, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 20, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2137	Identical bill	Oct 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary (as of Nov 18, 2021)

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This bill explicitly grants extraterritorial jurisdiction over the following criminal offenses:

- killing (or attempting to kill) a federal officer or employee;
- assaulting, kidnapping, or murdering (or threatening to do so, or attempting to kidnap or murder) a family member of certain federal officials to retaliate against or to impede, intimidate, or interfere with the federal official;
- threatening to assault, kidnap, or murder certain federal officials to retaliate against or to impede, intimidate, or interfere with the federal official; and
- assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers or employees.

The United States may prosecute such conduct that occurs outside the United States.

Actions Timeline

- Nov 18, 2021: Signed by President.
- Nov 18, 2021: Became Public Law No: 117-59.
- Nov 9, 2021: Presented to President.
- Oct 27, 2021: Ms. Jackson Lee moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- Oct 27, 2021: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5942-5944)
- Oct 27, 2021: DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 921.
- Oct 27, 2021: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5942)
- Oct 27, 2021: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5942)
- Oct 27, 2021: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Jun 1, 2021: Received in the House.
- Jun 1, 2021: Held at the desk.
- May 28, 2021: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S3930-3931; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S3930-3931)
- May 28, 2021: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S3930-3931; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S3930-3931)
- May 28, 2021: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- May 20, 2021: Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Durbin with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- May 20, 2021: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 61.
- May 13, 2021: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- Mar 23, 2021: Introduced in Senate
- Mar 23, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.