

S 937

COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]

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

Cosponsors (44 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 24, 2021
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 24, 2021
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 24, 2021
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 12, 2021
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Apr 12, 2021
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 12, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Apr 12, 2021
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 12, 2021
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Apr 12, 2021
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 12, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 12, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 12, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 12, 2021
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 13, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 13, 2021
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 13, 2021

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Apr 13, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Apr 15, 2021
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Apr 15, 2021

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2383	Related bill	Oct 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 1843	Related bill	May 18, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 S 1086	Related bill	Apr 13, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 S 963	Related bill	Mar 25, 2021: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 30.
117 S 728	Related bill	Mar 11, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of May 20, 2021)

COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act

This bill requires a designated officer or employee of the Department of Justice (DOJ) to facilitate the expedited review of hate crimes and reports of hate crimes.

DOJ must issue guidance for state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies on establishing online hate crime reporting processes, collecting data disaggregated by protected characteristic (e.g., race or national origin), and expanding education campaigns.

Additionally, DOJ and the Department of Health and Human Services must issue guidance aimed at raising awareness of hate crimes during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) pandemic.

The bill establishes grants for states to create state-run hate crimes reporting hotlines. It also authorizes grants for states and local governments to implement the National Incident-Based Reporting System and to conduct law enforcement activities or crime reduction programs to prevent, address, or respond to hate crimes.

Finally, in the case of an individual convicted of a hate crime offense and placed on supervised release, the bill allows a court to order that the individual participate in educational classes or community service as a condition of supervised release.

Actions Timeline

- **May 20, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **May 20, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 117-13.
- **May 19, 2021:** Presented to President.
- **May 18, 2021:** Mr. Nadler moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 18, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2464-2472)
- **May 18, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 937.
- **May 18, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 18, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2479-2480)
- **May 18, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 364 - 62 (Roll no. 145).(text: CR H2464-2466)
- **May 18, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 364 - 62 (Roll no. 145). (text: CR H2464-2466)
- **May 18, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 26, 2021:** Received in the House.
- **Apr 26, 2021:** Held at the desk.
- **Apr 22, 2021:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S2140-2148)
- **Apr 22, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate, under the order of 4/21/21, having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative, with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 94 - 1. Record Vote Number: 165.(text: CR S2148-2150)
- **Apr 22, 2021:** Passed Senate, under the order of 4/21/21, having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative, with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 94 - 1. Record Vote Number: 165. (text: CR S2148-2150)
- **Apr 22, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 21, 2021:** Cloture motion on the measure withdrawn by unanimous consent in Senate. (CR S2117)
- **Apr 20, 2021:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S2043, S2046, S2058)
- **Apr 20, 2021:** Cloture motion on the measure presented in Senate. (CR S2061)
- **Apr 19, 2021:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S2002-2003)
- **Apr 15, 2021:** Motion to proceed to measure considered in Senate. (CR S1953)
- **Apr 15, 2021:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 15, 2021:** Measure laid before Senate by motion. (consideration: CR S1998)
- **Apr 14, 2021:** Cloture on the motion to proceed invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 92 - 6. Record Vote Number: 151. (CR S1923)
- **Apr 14, 2021:** Motion to proceed to measure considered in Senate. (CR S1923)
- **Mar 25, 2021:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (CR S1804-1805)
- **Mar 25, 2021:** Cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the measure presented in Senate. (CR S1805)
- **Mar 24, 2021:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 13.
- **Mar 23, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 23, 2021:** Introduced in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.