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Domestic Terrorism and Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 24, 2021

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 350	Related bill	May 26, 2022: Motion by Senator Schumer to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to H.R. 350 (Record Vote No. 210) entered in Senate.
117 S 937	Related bill	May 20, 2021: Became Public Law No: 117-13.
117 HR 1843	Related bill	May 18, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 S 964	Related bill	Mar 24, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR S1773-1774)
117 S 728	Related bill	Mar 11, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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This bill establishes new requirements to expand the availability of information on domestic terrorism, as well as the relationship between domestic terrorism and hate crimes. The bill also facilitates the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes and reports of COVID-19 hate crimes.

It authorizes domestic terrorism components within the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to monitor, analyze, investigate, and prosecute domestic terrorism.

The bill creates an interagency task force to analyze and combat white supremacist and neo-Nazi infiltration of the uniformed services and federal law enforcement agencies.

It directs the FBI to assign a special agent or hate crimes liaison to each field office to investigate hate crimes incidents with a nexus to domestic terrorism.

Finally, the bill requires a designated officer or employee of DOJ to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes and reports of COVID-19 hate crimes.

It defines *COVID-19 hate crime* as a violent crime that is motivated by two things: (1) the actual or perceived characteristic (e.g., race or ethnicity) of any person, and (2) the actual or perceived relationship to the spread of COVID-19 of any person because of that characteristic.

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