

HR 1091

Stop Hate Crimes Act of 2023

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 17, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 17, 2023)

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This bill lowers the statutory burden of proof for showing intent with respect to a federal hate crime offense.

Current law makes it unlawful to willfully cause bodily injury, or attempt to do so using a dangerous weapon, because of the actual or perceived protected characteristic (e.g., race) of a person. In 2014, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit held that the *because of* standard requires proof that a person's actual or perceived protected characteristic was the sole motivating factor in the offense.

This bill replaces the *because of* standard with a new standard. Specifically, willfully causing bodily injury, or attempting to do so using a dangerous weapon, is a hate crime offense if a person's actual or perceived protected characteristic was a contributory motivating factor in the offense.

Actions Timeline

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