

S 1569

Back the Blue Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (May 11, 2023)

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Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		May 11, 2023
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		May 11, 2023
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		May 11, 2023
Sen. Hagerty, Bill [R-TN]	R · TN		May 11, 2023
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Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		May 11, 2023
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		May 11, 2023
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		May 11, 2023
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		May 11, 2023
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		May 11, 2023
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		May 11, 2023
Sen. McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]	R · KY		May 11, 2023
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		May 11, 2023
Sen. Ricketts, Pete [R-NE]	R · NE		May 11, 2023
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		May 11, 2023
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		May 11, 2023
Sen. Schmitt, Eric [R-MO]	R · MO		May 11, 2023
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		May 11, 2023
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		May 11, 2023
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		May 11, 2023
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		May 11, 2023
Sen. Tuberville, Tommy [R-AL]	R · AL		May 11, 2023
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		May 11, 2023
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		May 11, 2023
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		May 15, 2023
Sen. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK]	R · OK		May 30, 2023
Sen. Vance, J. D. [R-OH]	R · OH		Sep 5, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 11, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3079	Related bill	May 5, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 355	Related bill	Jan 13, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of May 11, 2023)

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This bill establishes new criminal offenses for killing, assaulting, and fleeing to avoid prosecution for killing a judge, law enforcement officer, or public safety officer.

Additionally, the bill

- expands the list of statutory aggravating factors in death penalty determinations to also include the killing or attempted killing of a law enforcement officer, judge, prosecutor, or firefighter or other first responder;
- broadens the authority of federal law enforcement officers to carry firearms; and
- limits federal court review of challenges to state court convictions for killing a public safety officer or judge.

Actions Timeline

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