

S 972

Filling Public Safety Vacancies Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Mar 23, 2023

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

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations. (Mar 23, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]

Party: Democratic • State: GA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Mar 23, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 23, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 8420	Related bill	May 16, 2024: Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Summary (as of Mar 23, 2023)

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The bill provides additional funding for grants for the hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers under the Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program.

The bill also requires law enforcement agencies that use the funds to hire or rehire a law enforcement officer to (1) perform a background check on the law enforcement officer, and (2) ensure that the law enforcement officer undergoes a psychological evaluation.

## Actions Timeline

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