

H.R. 3900, the Justice for Peace Officers Act

Provisions in H.R. 1751, the Secure Access to Justice and Court Protection Act

- On November 9, 2005, the U.S. House of Representatives approved H.R. 1751, a bill to enhance protection of judicial officers, by an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 375 to 45.
- The bill includes key provisions of H.R. 3900, the Justice for Peace Officers Act, introduced by Congressmen David Dreier and Adam Schiff, to ensure cop-killers face the appropriate punishment for their heinous crime.

Making it a federal crime to kill a law enforcement officer

- H.R. 1751 makes it a federal crime to kill, attempt or conspire to kill, a “federally funded public safety officer.” This term means a public safety officer for a public agency that received financial assistance. “Federally funded public safety officer” includes an individual serving a public agency in an official capacity, with or without compensation, as a judicial officer, **a law enforcement officer**, a firefighter, a chaplain or as a member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew.
- The punishment for this crime includes the death penalty, life imprisonment, or a mandatory minimum of 30 years in prison.

Adding a new punishment for individuals who kill “federally funded public safety officers” and flee the country

- H.R. 1751 adds an additional mandatory minimum 10 year penalty on top of the punishment of killing a “federally funded public safety officer,” which includes law enforcement officers, if the suspect flees the country to avoid prosecution.

H.R. 1751 is supported by the following organizations:

- Federal Bar Association
- Federal Criminal Investigators Association
- Fraternal Order of Police
- International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators
- International Union of Police Associations AFL-CIO
- Major County Sheriffs’ Association
- National Association of Assistant United States Attorneys
- National Law Enforcement Council
- California State Sheriffs’ Association
- National Sheriffs’ Association
- National Troopers Coalition
- American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees
- National Court Reporters Association
- Sergeants Benevolent Association of NYC