



H.R. 2922—The Elder Abuse Protection Act of 2021

The bipartisan Elder Abuse Protection Act would amend the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act by directing the Attorney General to establish the Elder Justice Initiative with the Department of Justice to require that online resources of such initiative are made available in Spanish among other measures to combat elder abuse and elder fraud. The Elder Justice Initiative would be responsible for coordinating criminal enforcement and public engagement efforts to combat elder abuse, neglect, and financial fraud and scams that target elders.

Key Provisions:

- Make the Elder Justice Initiative a permanent office within the Department of Justice by granting the Attorney General the discretion to place the EJI in whatever component in the Department the Attorney General sees fit.
- Require the Elder Justice Coordinators to evaluate training models and best practices to create publicly available materials for local law enforcement and public officials tasked with investigating, interacting with victims of elder abuse, or addressing elder abuse.
- Mandate that the Elder Justice Initiative maintain and publish information aimed at protecting elders from fraudulent schemes and include resources aimed at preventing elder abuse.
- Require the Attorney General launch a national elder fraud telephone hotline, require the Elder Justice Coordinator make permanent consultations with the Office of Tribal Justice, as well as require the Elder Justice Coordinator consult on legal aid issues with whomever the Attorney General designates.
- Require the Attorney General's Office to translate into Spanish any online resources that the Elder Justice Initiative publishes, and to pose Spanish-language links that facilitate reporting of elder fraud and abuse to State and local law enforcement and help educate the public to prevent the financial exploitation of elders.

Endorsed by: Center for Medicare Advocacy; Social Security Works; Elder Justice Coalition; National Council on Aging; American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.