Public Law 96-81
96th Congress

An Act

Oct. 6, 1979
[S. 721]

To amend the Civil Rights Act of 1957 to authorize appropriations for the United States Commission on Civil Rights for fiscal year 1980.

Civil Rights Commission Authorization Act of 1979.
42 USC 1975 note.
Eastern- and southern-European ethnic groups.
Report to Congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Civil Rights Commission Authorization Act of 1979".

SEC. 2. Section 104 of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 (42 U.S.C. 1975c) is amended by inserting at the end the following:

"(g) The Commission shall continue to appraise the laws and policies of the Federal Government with respect to denials of equal protection of the laws under the Constitution involving Americans who are members of eastern- and southern-European ethnic groups and shall report its findings to the Congress. Such report shall include an analysis of the adverse consequences of affirmative action programs encouraged by the Federal Government upon the equal opportunity rights of these Americans.".

SEC. 3. Section 106 of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 (42 U.S.C. 1975e) is amended to read as follows:

"AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

"SEC. 106. There are authorized to be appropriated not to exceed $14,000,000 to carry out the provisions of this Act for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980.".

Approved October 6, 1979.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 96-109 accompanying H.R. 2641 (Comm. on the Judiciary).
SENATE REPORT No. 96-167 (Comm. on the Judiciary).
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 125 (1979):
June 7, considered and passed Senate.
June 8, H.R. 2641 considered and passed House; proceedings vacated and S. 721, amended, passed in lieu.
Sept. 25, Senate concurred in House amendment with an amendment and disagreed with another.
Sept. 27, House concurred in Senate amendment and receded from its amendment.

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