

# Democrats and GOP Introduce Contrasting Gun Proposals in the Senate

## 4 Gun Proposals in the Senate



**Chris Murphy (D-CT)** introduced a proposal to require background checks for all private gun purchases, including online and at gun shows.



**Chuck Grassley (R-IA)** introduced a proposal to improve the availability of records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. This proposal would encourage some states to include mental records into the system.



**Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)** introduced a proposal that would allow the Department of Justice to prohibit gun sales to people who are on terrorist watch lists or have been on such lists in the past five years, without the approval of a judge.



**John Cornyn (R-TX)** introduced a proposal to give the Justice Department a 72-hour timeline to go through the court system to bar a gun sale from a suspected terrorist, requiring federal authorities to prove in court that there is a probable cause that the buyer will commit an act of terrorism.

- None of the four proposals are likely to garner the 60 votes needed to pass; each has seen floor action before but failed to pass.
- Democrats want stricter background checks to prevent certain gun sales from happening, allowing buyers to appeal.
- Republicans favor alerting law enforcement of gun sales and requiring law enforcement to take action to stop dangerous sales.

Sources: Fawn Johnson, *The Coming Week: Gun Votes on Tap, but Changes Unlikely*, "Morning Consult, June 17, 2016; Jeff Stein and Dara Lind, "Here Are the 4 Gun Control Proposals the Senate is Voting on Today," Vox, June 20, 2016.