

S 1181

A bill to ensure an open and deliberate process in Congress by providing that any future legislation to establish a new exemption to section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act) be stated explicitly within the text of the bill.

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Government Reform.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Government Reform. (Jun 24, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Jun 7, 2005
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 7, 2005
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jun 7, 2005
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Jun 8, 2005
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Jun 13, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 13, 2005
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 24, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5046	Related bill	May 24, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.
109 S 925	Related bill	Apr 27, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4420-4421)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Prohibits applying the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to matters specifically exempted from disclosure by a statute (other than open meetings under the Government in the Sunshine Act) enacted after July 1, 2005, that specifically cites this Act and either: (1) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue; or (2) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 24, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7383-7385; text as passed Senate: CR S7385)
- **Jun 24, 2005:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7383-7385; text as passed Senate: CR S7385)
- **Jun 24, 2005:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 24, 2005:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 24, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on Government Reform.
- **Jun 13, 2005:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Specter without amendment. Without written report.
- **Jun 13, 2005:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Specter without amendment. Without written report.
- **Jun 13, 2005:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 126.
- **Jun 9, 2005:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jun 7, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 7, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6159-6161)
- **Jun 7, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.