

HR 4799

To establish the Office of Public Integrity as an independent office within the legislative branch of the Government, to reduce the duties of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct of the House of Representatives and the Select Committee on Ethics of the Senate, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Congress

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Meehan, Martin T. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Feb 16, 2006
Rep. Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Mar 2, 2006
Rep. English, Phil [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Mar 7, 2006
Rep. Wilson, Heather [R-NM-1]	R · NM		Mar 7, 2006
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Mar 9, 2006
Rep. Ramstad, Jim [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Mar 30, 2006
Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		Apr 4, 2006
Rep. Schwarz, John J.H. "Joe" [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Apr 4, 2006
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Jul 13, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Feb 16, 2006
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 16, 2006
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 16, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Congress

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Feb 16, 2006)

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Establishes as an independent office within the legislative branch the Office of Public Integrity to: (1) oversee financial disclosure and other reports filed by Members of Congress, congressional officers and employees, and registered lobbyists; (2) investigate alleged violations of any applicable rule or other standard of conduct; (3) present a case of probable ethics violations to the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct or the Senate Select Committee on Ethics (ethics committees); and (4) make recommendations about reporting to the appropriate federal or state authorities any substantial evidence of a violation.

Amends rules XI (Procedures of Committees and Unfinished Business) and rule X (Organization of Committees) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, as well as the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (EGA of 1978), the Ethics Reform Act of 1989, and the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (LDA), to conform to this Act.

## Actions Timeline

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