

## HR 4098

### Secure Federal File Sharing Act

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Nov 17, 2009

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Mar 25, 2010)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/4098>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Feb 2, 2010
Rep. Barrow, John [D-GA-12]	D · GA		Feb 2, 2010
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Feb 2, 2010
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Feb 2, 2010
Rep. Melancon, Charlie [D-LA-3]	D · LA		Feb 2, 2010
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Feb 2, 2010
Rep. Watson, Diane E. [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 2, 2010
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Feb 2, 2010
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2010
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Feb 25, 2010
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Mar 3, 2010

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 25, 2010
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Mar 11, 2010

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 3484	Related bill	Jun 14, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## Summary (as of Mar 24, 2010)

Secure Federal File Sharing Act - Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue guidance to: (1) prohibit the download, installation, or use by government employees and contractors of open-network peer-to-peer file sharing software on all federal computers, computer systems, and networks, unless approved in accordance with procedures under this Act; and (2) address the download, installation, or use by government employees and contractors of such software on home or personal computers as it relates to telework and remotely accessing federal computers, computer systems, and networks.

Requires the Director to develop a procedure for receiving requests from heads or chief information officers of agencies for approval for use by government employees and contractors of specific open-network peer-to-peer file sharing software programs that are: (1) necessary for day-to-day business operations, for use in the course of a law enforcement investigation, or to perform official agency business; or (2) instrumental in completing a particular task or project that directly supports the agency's overall mission.

Requires the Director to direct agencies to: (1) establish or update personal use policies to be consistent with the guidance issued under this Act; (2) require contracts to require contractor compliance with that guidance; (3) update their information technology security or ethics training policies to ensure that all employees are aware of the requirements of that guidance and the consequences of engaging in prohibited conduct; and (4) ensure that proper security controls are in place to prevent, detect, and remove file sharing software that is prohibited.

Requires the Director to report annually to specified congressional committees, including: (1) a justification for each open-network peer-to-peer file sharing software program that is approved under this Act; and (2) an inventory of the agencies where such programs are being used.

Requires the budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, to be determined by reference to the latest statement titled "Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation" for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 25, 2010:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Mar 24, 2010:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2299)
- **Mar 24, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 408 - 13, 1 Present (Roll no. 183).(text : CR 3/23/2010 H2237-2238)
- **Mar 24, 2010:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 408 - 13, 1 Present (Roll no. 183). (text : CR 3/23/2010 H2237-2238)
- **Mar 23, 2010:** Mr. Towns moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 23, 2010:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2237-2239)
- **Mar 23, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4098.
- **Mar 23, 2010:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Mar 11, 2010:** Reported by the Committee on Oversight and Government. H. Rept. 111-431.
- **Mar 11, 2010:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 247.
- **Mar 4, 2010:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 4, 2010:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 17, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 17, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.