

HR 6019

Accountability and Transparency in Ethics Act of 2010

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Sep 20, 2010)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Castle, Michael N. [R-DE-At Large]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Jul 30, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jul 30, 2010
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 20, 2010
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 20, 2010
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 30, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Accountability and Transparency in Ethics Act of 2010 - Amends the federal criminal code to revise post-employment restrictions on former officers, employees, and elected officials of the executive and legislative branches.

Increases from one to two years the ban on lobbying contacts by the following individuals with a Member, officer, or employee of the entity in which they served before his or her tenure terminated: (1) former senior and very senior personnel of the executive branch and independent agencies (except for special government employees who serve less than 60 days in the two-year period before termination); (2) former Members of the House of Representatives or elected officers; (3) former elected officers and employees of the Senate; (4) former personal staff of House Members; (5) former employees of House committees or congressional joint committees; (6) House leadership staff; and (7) employees of other legislative offices.

Increases from one to two years the lobbying ban on former officers, employees, and elected officials of the executive and legislative branches for foreign entities.

Amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit payment of campaign funds, except reimbursements under \$500, to immediate family members of candidates.

Requires the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to provide an ethics training course to registered lobbyists.

Expresses the sense of Congress that any changes to the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) should strengthen, not undermine, its powers to further improve accountability and transparency in Congress.

Grants subpoena power to the OCE board to carry out its duties.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 20, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Sep 20, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jul 30, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 30, 2010:** Referred to House Judiciary
- **Jul 30, 2010:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jul 30, 2010:** Referred to House Administration
- **Jul 30, 2010:** Referred to House Rules