

S 1466

Faster FOIA Act of 2011

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Aug 1, 2011

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 627	Related bill	Aug 1, 2011: Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S5156-5158, S5158-5162, S5164-5170, S5171-5178, S5183-5184)
112 HR 1564	Identical bill	Apr 27, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform .

Faster FOIA Act of 2011 - Establishes the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays to conduct a study to: (1) identify methods that will help reduce delays in processing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests submitted to federal agencies; (2) ensure the efficient and equitable administration of FOIA throughout the federal government; (3) examine whether the system for charging fees for such requests and granting waivers of such fees needs to be reformed; (4) determine why the government's use of FOIA exemptions increased during FY2009, whether the increase contributed to delays, what efforts were made by federal agencies to comply with President Obama's January 21, 2009, Presidential Memorandum on Freedom of Information Act Requests, whether those efforts were successful, and how the use of exemptions may be limited; and (5) determine whether any disparities in processing, processing times, and completeness of responses to FOIA requestors have occurred based upon political considerations, ideological viewpoints, the identity of the requestors, affiliation with the media, or affiliation with advocacy groups, why such disparities occurred, and the extent to which political appointees have been involved in the FOIA process.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 2, 2011:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 2, 2011:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 2, 2011:** Held at the desk.
- **Aug 1, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 1, 2011:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5197-5199; text as passed Senate: CR S5198-5199)
- **Aug 1, 2011:** Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5197-5199; text as passed Senate: CR S5198-5199)