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Judicial Transparency and Ethics Enhancement Act of 2011

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 15, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 727	Related bill	Feb 28, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law.

Summary (as of Feb 15, 2011)

Judicial Transparency and Ethics Enhancement Act of 2011 - Amends the federal judicial code to establish the Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the Judicial Branch of the U.S. government, to be headed by an Inspector General appointed by the Chief Justice. Sets a term of four years, which may be extended by additional reappointments. Authorizes the Chief Justice to remove an Inspector General from office.

Requires the OIG to: (1) conduct investigations of alleged misconduct in the judicial branch, including the Supreme Court; (2) conduct and supervise audits and investigations; and (3) prevent and detect waste, fraud, and abuse.

Provides for whistleblower protection.

Actions Timeline

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