

## HR 6406

### Non-Federal Employee Whistleblower Protection Act of 2012

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Sep 13, 2012

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Education and the Workforce, 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. (Sep 13, 2012)

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Education and the Workforce, 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. (Sep 13, 2012)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/6406>

#### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-12]

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

#### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Sep 13, 2012

#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 13, 2012
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 13, 2012
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 13, 2012

#### Subjects & Policy Tags

##### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

#### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 241	Related bill	Dec 19, 2012: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 569.

Non-Federal Employee Whistleblower Protection Act of 2012 - Repeals and replaces provisions prohibiting reprisals against employees of civilian and defense contractors for disclosing to a federal official information relating to a substantial violation of law related to a public contract.

Prohibits an employee of any non-federal employer receiving covered funds (i.e., a contract, grant, or other payment any portion of which is provided by the federal government) from being discharged, demoted, or discriminated against as a reprisal for initiating or participating in any proceeding related to the misuse of federal funds, reasonably opposing the misuse of federal funds, or disclosing to specified federal agencies or officials information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of: (1) gross mismanagement of an agency contract or grant relating to covered funds; (2) a gross waste of covered funds; (3) a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or an abuse of authority, related to the implementation or use of covered funds; or (4) a violation of a law, rule, or regulation related to an agency contract, subcontract, or grant relating to covered funds.

Sets forth provisions on: (1) time limitations for determinations by inspector generals on whether to conduct or continue an investigation of a reprisal complaint, (2) access by a complainant to the inspector general's investigative file, (3) the standard of proof for showing the occurrence of a reprisal, (4) agency actions to deny relief or remedy a reprisal, (5) the exhaustion of administrative remedies authorizing civil action by a complainant, and (6) nonenforceability of waivers and arbitration of disputes.

## **Actions Timeline**

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