

## HR 6409

Private Sector Whistleblower Protection Streamlining Act of 2012

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

**Introduced:** Sep 13, 2012

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Oct 2, 2012)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Sep 13, 2012
Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Sep 13, 2012
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Sep 20, 2012
Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Nov 13, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 13, 2012
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 14, 2012
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 2, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Private Sector Whistleblower Protection Streamlining Act of 2012 - Sets forth whistleblower protections for private sector, state, and municipal employees who are retaliated or discriminated against by an employer for disclosing threats to public safety or violations of federal law. Authorizes a whistleblower who has been discharged or discriminated against by an employer to seek appropriate relief either by: (1) filing a complaint with the Secretary of Labor; or (2) bringing an action at law or equity in the appropriate U.S. district court.

Prohibits restrictions on whistleblowing and relief provided under this Act.

Establishes the Whistleblower Protection Office in the Department of Labor.

Makes conforming whistleblower amendments to the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, the federal criminal code with respect to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974.

Establishes in the Department of Labor an Administrative Review Board with jurisdiction and authority to decide appeals from administrative decisions and issue final agency decisions on behalf of the Secretary. Declares that this Board supersedes the one established by the Secretary pursuant to an administrative order.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 2, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Sep 14, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.
- **Sep 13, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 13, 2012:** Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce, 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.