

S 1744

Security Clearance Accountability, Reform, and Enhancement Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]	D · MT		Nov 20, 2013
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Nov 20, 2013
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Nov 20, 2013
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Nov 20, 2013
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Nov 20, 2013
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Nov 20, 2013
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		May 22, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 20, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Security Clearance Accountability, Reform, and Enhancement Act - (Sec. 3) Deems a federal agency employee to be unfit for federal employment if the agency determines that such employee has engaged in misconduct affecting the integrity of a background investigation, including falsification of any information relating to such an investigation (covered misconduct). Prohibits an individual who has engaged in covered misconduct from being appointed to or continuing to occupy a position that requires the performance of background investigations.

Extends such sanctions to employees performing background investigations under a contract between an agency and a prime contractor and subcontractors (covered contract). Requires a covered contract to include provisions requiring mandatory disclosure of covered misconduct within 24 hours after the contractor discovers such misconduct and referral to the agency for investigation.

Requires the President to report to specified congressional committees on: (1) the number of individuals determined to be unfit for federal employment due to covered misconduct or ineligible to perform work under a covered contract; and (2) the details of such misconduct.

(Sec. 4) Requires the President to: (1) review and update guidance to assist agencies in determining position sensitivity designation and the appropriate background investigation to initiate for each position designation; (2) review, not less frequently than every five years, and revise the position designation of positions within federal agencies; and (3) report on any issues identified and the number of position designations revised as a result of the review.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 16, 2014:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 16, 2014:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 16, 2014:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 15, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S6866-6867; text as passed Senate: CR S6866)
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- **Dec 1, 2014:** By Senator Carper from Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs filed written report. Report No. 113-276.
- **Nov 20, 2014:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Carper with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. Without written report.
- **Nov 20, 2014:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 606.
- **May 21, 2014:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Nov 20, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 20, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.