

HR 3459

Article 32 Reform Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Nov 12, 2013
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Nov 12, 2013
Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Nov 12, 2013
Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Nov 12, 2013
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Dec 12, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 24, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 3360	Related bill	Jan 24, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
113 S 1644	Identical bill	Nov 5, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

Article 32 Reform Act - Revises requirements relating to an Article 32 investigative hearing under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) to require a judge advocate to conduct a preliminary hearing prior to referring a charge or specification to a general court-martial for trial. Requires such judge advocate to have a grade equal to or higher than the grade of the trial counsel and any defense counsel who is representing the accused at the preliminary hearing. Limits the preliminary hearing to the purpose of determining whether there is probable cause to believe an offense has been committed and whether the accused committed it.

Requires the judge advocate conducting the preliminary hearing to prepare a report which shall include: (1) determinations as to the court-martial jurisdiction over the offense and the accused and as to probable cause, (2) a consideration of the form of charges, and (3) a recommendation as to the disposition of the case.

Allows a victim of the alleged offense to decline to testify at the preliminary hearing. Requires the preliminary hearing to be recorded by a court reporter or by a suitable recording device.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 24, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Nov 14, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H7059-7060)
- **Nov 12, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 12, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.