

## HR 1396

Federal Communications Commission Collaboration Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Mar 17, 2015
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Mar 17, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 20, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 253	Related bill	<b>Sep 28, 2016:</b> Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate bill.
114 S 760	Related bill	<b>Mar 17, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## **Federal Communications Commission Collaboration Act of 2015**

Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to allow a bipartisan majority of Commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), notwithstanding a specified open meeting provision, to hold a meeting that is closed to the public to discuss official business if: (1) no agency action is taken, (2) each person present is an FCC Commissioner or employee or a member or person on the staff of a joint board or conference to which the FCC has referred a matter, and (3) an attorney from the FCC's Office of General Counsel is present.

Defines "bipartisan majority" as a group of at least three Commissioners that includes: (1) for each political party of which any Commissioner is a member, at least one Commissioner who is a member of such political party; and (2) if any Commissioner has no political party affiliation, at least one unaffiliated Commissioner.

Requires public disclosure of the meeting, attendees, and matters discussed.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 20, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Mar 17, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 17, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.