

## S 2079

### United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** Senate

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## Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** Senate

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| Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD] | D · MD        |      | Sep 24, 2015 |
| Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]  | D · IL        |      | Sep 24, 2015 |
| Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]        | R · FL        |      | Sep 24, 2015 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Foreign Relations Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Sep 24, 2015 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship   | Last Action                                 |
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| 114 S 2078 | Identical bill | Oct 16, 2015: Became Public Law No: 114-71. |

## **United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization Act of 2015**

This bill reauthorizes the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) through FY2019.

The Chair and Vice Chair of USCIRF must at least biennially carry out a strategic policy and organizational review and submit a strategic plan to Congress concerning: (1) prioritized actions for USCIRF, (2) any changes it considers necessary with regard to the scope, content, and timing of USCIRF's annual report; (3) any changes USCIRF considers necessary with regard to personnel matters; and (4) USCIRF's funding requirements.

If unanimous agreement is not possible, items for inclusion in the strategic plan may, at the joint discretion of the Chair and Vice Chair, be approved by: (1) a majority of Commissioners appointed by an elected official from the political party of the President, and (2) a majority of Commissioners appointed by an elected official from the political party that is not the party of the President.

The Vice Chair for such purposes must be appointed by an elected official from the political party that is different from the political party of the elected official who appointed the Chair.

USCIRF is authorized to implement provisions related to personnel and the annual report that are included in the strategic plan.

### **Actions Timeline**

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