

HR 384

Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 556	Related bill	Dec 16, 2015: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 328.
114 HR 3279	Related bill	Dec 1, 2015: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Amends the Equal Access to Justice Act and the federal judicial code to require the Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States to report to Congress annually on the amount of fees and other expenses awarded to prevailing parties other than the United States in certain administrative proceedings and civil action court cases (excluding tort cases) to which the United States is a party, including settlement agreements. Requires that such reports: (1) describe the number, nature, and amount of the awards, the claims involved in the controversy, and any other relevant information that may aid Congress in evaluating the scope and impact of such awards; and (2) be made available to the public online.

Directs the Chairman to create and maintain online a searchable database containing specified information with respect to each award, including the name of the agency involved, the name of each party to whom the award was made, the amount of the award, and the basis for finding that the position of the agency concerned was not substantially justified.

Directs the head of each agency, including the Attorney General, to provide the Chairman all information requested to comply with such requirements.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 5, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
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