

HR 4702

Equal Access to Congressional Research Service Reports Act of 2016

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2639	Identical bill	Mar 3, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1279-1281)

## **Equal Access to Congressional Research Service Reports Act of 2016**

This bill directs the Government Publishing Office (GPO) to establish and maintain a public website containing Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports, and an index, that are searchable, sortable, and downloadable (including in bulk), for which no fee may be charged.

The CRS Reports on the website shall include CRS Authorization of Appropriations Products, Appropriations Products, and any other written CRS product containing CRS research or analysis available for general congressional access on the CRS Congressional Intranet.

The website shall exclude any:

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Before transmitting a CRS Report to the GPO for publication on the website, CRS may remove the name of, and any contact information for, any CRS employee.

The Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 is amended to require CRS to comply with this Act.

## **Actions Timeline**

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