

## HR 5920

### Whistleblower Protections for Contractors Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/5920>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Chaffetz, Jason [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Jul 21, 2016
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jul 21, 2016
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Jul 21, 2016
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Jul 21, 2016
Rep. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Sep 6, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Discharged From	Nov 29, 2016
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Nov 29, 2016

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 795	Related bill	Dec 14, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-261.
114 S 3011	Related bill	Jun 6, 2016: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 505.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

### **Whistleblower Protections for Contractors Act**

(Sec. 2) This bill extends federal contractor whistle-blower protections to employees of: (1) personal services contractors working on defense contracts (currently, the protections apply to employees of defense contractors, subcontractors, grantees, or subgrantees); and (2) personal services contractors or subgrantees working on federal civilian contracts (currently, the protections apply to employees of civilian contractors, subcontractors, or grantees). The civilian contractor protections, which are currently in effect as a pilot program, are made permanent.

The bill extends the prohibition against reimbursement of legal fees incurred in defending against reprisal claims brought by whistle-blowers to defense and civilian subcontractors and personal services contractors.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 29, 2016:** Reported by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H. Rept. 114-836, Part I.
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Committee on Armed Services discharged.
- **Nov 29, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 657.
- **Sep 15, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 15, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 21, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 21, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.