

S 795

A bill to enhance whistleblower protection for contractor and grantee employees.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MO • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Feb 9, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 11, 2016
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 7, 2016
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 28, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5920	Related bill	Nov 29, 2016: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 657.
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 reported to the Senate on June 7, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

(Sec. 1) 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

- **Dec 14, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 14, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-261.
- **Dec 7, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 5, 2016:** Mr. Chaffetz moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 5, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7147-7149)
- **Dec 5, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 795.
- **Dec 5, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7147)
- **Dec 5, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7147)
- **Dec 5, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 11, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.
- **Jun 28, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 28, 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.
- **Jun 24, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 23, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4560-4561; text: CR S4561)
- **Jun 23, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4560-4561; text: CR S4561)
- **Jun 7, 2016:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 114-270.
- **Jun 7, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 506.
- **Feb 10, 2016:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 18, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 18, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.