

HR 1096

Judgment Fund Transparency Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (11 total)

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Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Feb 15, 2017
Rep. Chaffetz, Jason [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Feb 15, 2017
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Feb 15, 2017
Rep. McClintonck, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Feb 15, 2017
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Feb 15, 2017
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Feb 15, 2017
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Feb 15, 2017
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Mar 2, 2017
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Mar 2, 2017
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Mar 9, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 469	Related bill	Oct 26, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
115 S 565	Related bill	Mar 8, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
115 S 386	Related bill	Feb 15, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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(Sec. 2) This bill requires the Department of the Treasury to disclose details regarding payments made from the Judgment Fund on or after January 1, 2016. (The Judgment Fund is a permanent and indefinite appropriation to pay judgments against the United States.)

Unless the disclosure is prohibited by law or a court order, Treasury must disclose to the public on a website:

- the agency or entity whose actions gave rise to the claim or judgment,
- the plaintiff or claimant,
- the counsel for the plaintiff or claimant,
- the amount paid representing principal liability and any amounts paid representing any ancillary liability,
- a description of the facts that gave rise to the claim,
- the agency that submitted the claim, and
- any information available on reports generated by the Judgment Fund Payment Search administered by Treasury.

If the payment is made to a foreign state, Treasury must also disclose:

- the method of payment;
- the currency denomination used for the payment; and
- the name and location of each financial institution owned or controlled by a foreign state or an agent of a foreign state through which the payment passed, from which the payment was withdrawn, or that is holding the payment.

By January 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, Treasury must disclose on the website: (1) the total amounts paid from the fund during the preceding year; and (2) the amounts paid during the preceding year for attorney fees, interest, and for all other payments.

No payments from the fund may be made to a state sponsor of terrorism or an organization that has been designated as a foreign terrorist organization under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 16, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 115-348.
- **Oct 16, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 252.
- **Jun 28, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 28, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 6, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Feb 15, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 15, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.