

HR 1616

Strengthening State and Local Cyber Crime Fighting Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

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| Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7] | R · PA | | May 8, 2017 |
| Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6] | R · PA | | May 16, 2017 |
| Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5] | R · TX | | May 16, 2017 |
| Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14] | R · OH | | May 16, 2017 |
| Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6] | R · IN | | May 16, 2017 |
| Rep. Roby, Martha [R-AL-2] | R · AL | | May 16, 2017 |
| Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5] | R · PA | | May 16, 2017 |
| Rep. Trott, David A. [R-MI-11] | R · MI | | May 16, 2017 |
| Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25] | R · TX | | May 16, 2017 |
| Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3] | R · FL | | May 16, 2017 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Homeland Security Committee | House | Referred to | Mar 29, 2017 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred to | Mar 31, 2017 |
| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Discharged From | Oct 2, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 115 S 904 | Identical bill | Apr 7, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. |

Summary (as of Nov 2, 2017)

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on October 2, 2017. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Strengthening State and Local Cyber Crime Fighting Act of 2017

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize a National Computer Forensics Institute within the U.S. Secret Service for FY2017-FY2022. The institute shall: (1) disseminate information related to the investigation and prevention of cyber and electronic crime and related threats; and (2) educate, train, and equip state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges.

Institute functions include:

- educating such officers, prosecutors, and judges on current cyber and electronic crimes and related threats, methods for investigating such crime and threats and for conducting computer and mobile device forensic examinations, and related prosecutorial and judicial challenges;
- training such officers to conduct investigations of such crime and related threats, as well as such forensic examinations, and to respond to network intrusion incidents; and
- training such officers, prosecutors, and judges on methods to obtain, process, store, and admit digital evidence in court.

The institute:

- shall ensure that timely, actionable, and relevant expertise and information related to such crime and related threats is shared with such officers and prosecutors;
- may provide such officers with computer equipment, hardware, software, manuals, and tools necessary to conduct investigations of such crime and related threats and such forensic examinations; and
- shall facilitate the expansion of the network of Electronic Crime Task Forces of the Secret Service through the addition of officers trained at the institute.

(Sec. 3) The bill amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a new part, which may be cited as the National White Collar Crime Control Act of 2017, authorizing the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance to enter into a cooperative agreement or make a grant for training and technical assistance to help law enforcement officers, investigators, auditors, and prosecutors identify, investigate, and prosecute white collar crime.

White collar crime includes high-tech crime, economic crime, and Internet-based crime against children and child pornography.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 2, 2017:** Signed by President.
- **Nov 2, 2017:** Became Public Law No: 115-76.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** Presented to President.
- **Oct 12, 2017:** Mr. Ratcliffe asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H8012-8013)
- **Oct 12, 2017:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.(text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H8012-8013)
- **Oct 12, 2017:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. (text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H8012-8013)
- **Oct 12, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 3, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 2, 2017:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6263-6264)
- **Oct 2, 2017:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6263-6264)
- **Oct 2, 2017:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.
- **Oct 2, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
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- **May 17, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 16, 2017:** Mr. Goodlatte moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 16, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4205-4208)
- **May 16, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1616.
- **May 16, 2017:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 16, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4211-4212)
- **May 16, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 408 - 3 (Roll no. 258).(text: CR H4206)
- **May 16, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 408 - 3 (Roll no. 258). (text: CR H4206)
- **May 16, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 31, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation and Protective Security.
- **Mar 17, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 17, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.