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Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2018

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]

Party: Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 6, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5589	Related bill	Apr 24, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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This bill directs the Department of State to report to Congress regarding State Department and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) reorganization plans. Any such plan shall preserve USAID's independence.

The State Department is urged to establish an Office of Global Women's Issues.

The bill: (1) establishes in the State Department a Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor and the position of Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; and (2) calls for the establishment in the State Department of an Office of International Disability Rights.

The bill sets forth provisions regarding: (1) embassy construction and design; (2) personnel, staffing, and workplace diversity; (3) anti-corruption efforts; and (4) information security, including a prohibition on contracting with certain telecommunications providers.

The State Department may make grants or enter into cooperative agreements for science and technology fellowships.

The State Department shall: (1) appoint a Director of Research and Evaluation to evaluate public diplomacy programs, (2) develop a Bureau of Diplomatic Security training program for detecting classified information spillage, and (3) designate an anti-corruption point of contact at appropriate U.S. missions.

Each U.S. government agency that enters into any international agreement, other than a treaty, on behalf of the United States shall designate a Chief International Agreements Officer who shall transmit the agreement to the State Department.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 6, 2017:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker with amendments. Without written report.
- **Sep 6, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 210.
- **Jul 25, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 25, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.