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Special Counsel Independence Protection Act

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 3654	Identical bill	**Mar 22, 2018:** Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Ms. Jackson Lee. Petition No: 115-9. (Discharge petition text with signatures.)

Summary (as of Aug 3, 2017)

Special Counsel Independence Protection Act

This bill sets forth requirements and limitations with respect to the removal from office of a special counsel appointed by the Attorney General, or of another official appointed by the Attorney General who exercises a similar degree of independence from the Department of Justice (DOJ) chain of command.

Specifically, a special counsel or other appointed individual may be removed only if: (1) the Attorney General files an action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and files a contemporaneous notice of the action with Congress; and (2) the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia issues an order finding misconduct, dereliction of duty, incapacity, conflict of interest, or other good cause, including violation of DOJ policies.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 26, 2017:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
- **Aug 3, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 3, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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