

## S 1741

Special Counsel Integrity Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Aug 3, 2017

**Current Status:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.

**Latest Action:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. (Sep 26, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1741>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Aug 3, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Sep 26, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4669	Identical bill	<b>Mar 21, 2018:</b> Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Mr. Cohen. Petition No: 115-8. (<a href="http://clerk.house.gov/115/lrc/pd/petitions/DisPet0008.xml">Discharge petition</a> text with signatures.)
115 HR 3771	Identical bill	<b>Dec 14, 2017:</b> ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Cohen asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 3771, a bill originally introduced by Representative Conyers, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection.

## **Special Counsel Integrity Act**

This bill sets forth requirements and limitations with respect to the discipline or removal from office of a special counsel appointed under Department of Justice (DOJ) regulations.

Specifically, a special counsel may be disciplined or removed only by the personal action of an Attorney General who has been confirmed by the Senate. If the Attorney General is recused from the matter, then a special counsel may be disciplined or removed by the most senior DOJ official who has been confirmed by the Senate and is not recused from the matter.

A special counsel: (1) may only be removed for misconduct, dereliction of duty, incapacity, conflict of interest, or other good cause, including violation of DOJ policies; (2) must be informed in writing of the specific reason for the removal; and (3) may file an action for judicial review of the removal.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **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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