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Special Counsel Independence and Integrity Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 11, 2018
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 11, 2018
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Apr 11, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 26, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5505	Identical bill	May 15, 2018: ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Lance asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 5505, a bill originally introduced by Representative Dent of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings under clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection.
115 HR 5476	Identical bill	Apr 11, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the federal judicial code to codify certain Department of Justice (DOJ) regulations that govern the appointment, oversight, and removal of a special counsel, including regulations:

- that authorize the Attorney General to appoint and select a special counsel;
- that establish the qualifications, scope of jurisdiction, and authority of a special counsel; and
- that authorize the Attorney General to remove a special counsel for misconduct or other good cause.

Additionally, the bill provides new statutory limitations and requirements with respect to the removal from office of a special counsel. Specifically, the bill:

- requires removal to be by the Attorney General or, in certain circumstances, the most senior Senate-confirmed DOJ official;
- requires a special counsel to be provided written notice that specifies the reason for removal; and
- allows a special counsel to challenge the removal in federal court.

The limitations and requirements with respect to removal apply retroactively in the case of a special counsel who is appointed after January 1, 2017, and removed before the date of enactment.

Finally, the bill requires DOJ to notify Congress when a special counsel is appointed, before a special counsel is removed, and after a special counsel's investigation concludes.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 26, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 26, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Grassley with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Apr 26, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 393.
- **Apr 11, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 11, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.