

## HR 3210

SECRET Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Jul 12, 2017

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 115-173.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 115-173. (May 22, 2018)

**Law:** 115-173 (Enacted May 22, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/3210>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Knight, Stephen [R-CA-25]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Jul 12, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 27, 2017
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Jul 25, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Securely Expediting Clearances Through Reporting Transparency Act of 2018 or the SECRET Act of 2018**

(Sec. 3) This bill requires the National Background Investigations Bureau (NBIB) within the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to report on its backlog of security clearance investigations. The report must include a backlog mitigation plan identifying the cause of, and making recommendations to remedy, the backlog.

(Sec. 4) The Executive Office of the President must report on the process for conducting and adjudicating security clearance investigations for the President's staff.

(Sec. 5) The OPM must report on the costs of maintaining comprehensive background investigations capability within both the NBIB and the Department of Defense, compared to the costs of sustaining a single government-wide background investigations enterprise.

(Sec. 6) The Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) must report on: (1) the status of implementing government-wide continuous evaluation programs, (2) efforts by federal agencies to meet requirements for reciprocal recognition to access classified information, and (3) whether the schedule for processing security clearances should be modified.

(Sec. 7) The ODNI and the OPM must review and make recommendations to Congress and the President, as appropriate, to issue guidance to assist agencies in determining: (1) position sensitivity designation, and (2) the appropriate background investigation to initiate for each position designation. The President must report on any issues identified in, and the number of position designations revised as a result of, the review.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 22, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **May 22, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-173.
- **May 10, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **May 7, 2018:** Mr. Russell asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's Table and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H3760-3761)
- **May 7, 2018:** 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)
- **May 7, 2018:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. (text as House agreed to Senate amendment)
- **May 7, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 15, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S1768-1770)
- **Mar 15, 2018:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 15, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S1768-1769)
- **Mar 15, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S1768-1769)
- **Mar 15, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 27, 2017:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 115-185.
- **Nov 27, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 264.
- **Oct 4, 2017:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 27, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Jul 26, 2017:** Mr. Mitchell moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 26, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6327-6328)
- **Jul 26, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3210.
- **Jul 26, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6327)
- **Jul 26, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6327)
- **Jul 26, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 25, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H. Rept. 115-258.
- **Jul 25, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 188.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 12, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 12, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.