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Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act

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Sponsor

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Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 10, 2017
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Feb 28, 2018
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Committee Activity

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Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 14, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 3668	Related bill	Sep 18, 2017: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 224.
115 HR 1033	Identical bill	Feb 28, 2017: Received in the Senate.

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This bill amends the Equal Access to Justice Act and the federal judicial code to require the Administrative Conference of the United States to create and maintain online searchable databases with information about the attorney's fees and other expenses awarded to prevailing parties other than the United States in certain: (1) agency-conducted adversary adjudication proceedings, and (2) civil action court cases (excluding tort cases) or settlement agreements to which the United States is a party.

With respect to each award, the information must include: (1) the name of the agency involved, (2) the name of each party to whom the award was made, (3) a description of the claims, (4) the amount of the award, and (5) the basis for finding that the position of the agency concerned was not substantially justified. Under current law, the awards are made unless the position of the agency was substantially justified or special circumstances make an award unjust.

Actions Timeline

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