

HR 72

GAO Access and Oversight Act of 2017  
**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)  
**Chamber:** House  
**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics  
**Introduced:** Jan 3, 2017  
**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 115-3.  
**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 115-3. (Jan 31, 2017)  
**Law:** 115-3 (Enacted Jan 31, 2017)  
**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/72>

Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]  
**Party:** Republican • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jan 17, 2017
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 17	Identical bill	Jan 3, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House passed version is repeated here.)

## **GAO Access and Oversight Act of 2017**

(Sec. 2) This bill authorizes the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to obtain federal agency records required to discharge the GAO's duties (including audit, evaluation, and investigative duties), including through bringing civil actions to require an agency to produce a record.

No provision of the Social Security Act shall be construed to limit, amend, or supersede the GAO's authority to: (1) obtain information or inspect records about an agency's duties, powers, activities, organization, or financial transactions; or (2) obtain other agency records that the GAO requires to discharge its duties.

Agency statements on actions taken or planned in response to GAO recommendations must be submitted to: (1) the congressional committees with jurisdiction over the pertinent agency program or activity, and (2) the GAO.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 31, 2017:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 31, 2017:** Became Public Law No: 115-3.
- **Jan 23, 2017:** Presented to President.
- **Jan 17, 2017:** Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S333-335)
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- **Jan 17, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 99 - 0. Record Vote Number: 28.
- **Jan 17, 2017:** Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 99 - 0. Record Vote Number: 28.
- **Jan 17, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jan 5, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Jan 4, 2017:** Mr. Chaffetz moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jan 4, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H70-71)
- **Jan 4, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 72.
- **Jan 4, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H70)
- **Jan 4, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H70)
- **Jan 4, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.