

S 1247

Duty To Report Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 30, 2019
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		May 6, 2019
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 11, 2019
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jun 18, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 18, 2019
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 18, 2019
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 18, 2019
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 19, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 19, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 19, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 19, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 19, 2019
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jun 24, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 24, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 24, 2019
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 24, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 24, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 24, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 24, 2019
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 11, 2019
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 24, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 30, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2424	Identical bill	May 20, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Summary (as of Apr 30, 2019)

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This bill requires political committees, candidates for federal office, and other individuals to report to the Federal Election Commission (FEC) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) any offers of prohibited contributions, including offers of nonpublic information regarding other candidates, by foreign nationals.

Specifically, political committees and candidates must report to the FEC within 24 hours any (1) offers of prohibited contributions from foreign nationals, and (2) meetings with foreign governments or their agents.

In addition, the bill requires political committees, candidates, immediate family members of candidates, and individuals affiliated with a campaign (e.g., employees and independent contractors) to report to the FBI within 24 hours any offers of prohibited contributions from foreign nationals. Further, the bill establishes a new criminal offense for knowingly and willfully failing to comply with this reporting requirement. A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to two years, or both.

Such reported information may not be used to enforce certain immigration provisions related to the removal of undocumented aliens.

Actions Timeline

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