

## HR 1256

First Responder Fair RETIRE Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. (Feb 14, 2019)

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Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Jul 10, 2019
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Sep 19, 2019
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Oct 18, 2019
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Jan 16, 2020
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Jun 4, 2020
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Jul 20, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 14, 2019
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 14, 2019
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 14, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
<a href="#">116 S 4800</a>	Related bill	<b>Nov 9, 2020:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 581.
<a href="#">116 HR 8406</a>	Related bill	<b>Sep 29, 2020:</b> Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
<a href="#">116 S 531</a>	Related bill	<b>Feb 14, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## Summary (as of Feb 14, 2019)

### First Responder Fair Return for Employees on Their Initial Retirement Earned Act of 2019 or the First Responder Fair RETIRE Act

This bill allows disabled federal first responders (e.g., law enforcement officers, customs and border protection officers, and firefighters) to continue receiving federal retirement benefits in the same manner as though they had not been disabled.

Under current law, federal first responders are subject to a mandatory retirement age of 57. To facilitate this earlier retirement, federal first responders are required to pay a greater percentage of their salary towards retirement. Additionally, their annuity amount is calculated at a higher rate than other federal employees.

This bill allows a federal first responder to remain in the accelerated retirement system if they are placed in another civil service position outside of that system after returning to work from a work-related injury or illness. Further, if such an employee is separated from service before they are entitled to receive an annuity, they may receive a refund of their accelerated contributions.

## Actions Timeline

- **Feb 14, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 14, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.