

S 1309

Combating Global Corruption Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 2, 2019
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		May 2, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 2, 2019
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		May 2, 2019
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		May 2, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 26, 2019
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 15, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Sep 9, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 20, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 23, 2019
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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

This bill requires the Department of State to develop a program to combat corruption in countries that receive U.S. aid.

The State Department shall annually report to Congress a tiered list of all countries that receive certain U.S. foreign assistance. The first tier shall contain countries that meet minimum standards for combatting public corruption, while the second tier shall contain countries that do not comply but are making significant efforts to do so. Third-tier countries do not meet the minimum anti-corruption standards and are not making significant efforts to do so.

For each second- and third-tier ranked country, the State Department shall (1) include a corruption risk assessment and mitigation strategy in each country's integrated country strategy, and (2) use appropriate anti-corruption mechanisms. Such mechanisms include requiring the disclosure of the beneficial ownership of contractors and partners involved in State Department programs and requiring claw-back provisions to recover misappropriated funds.

The State Department shall designate an anti-corruption point of contact in the U.S. diplomatic post in each second- or third-tier country and where the State Department determines that such a point of contact is necessary. The point of contact shall be responsible for coordinating a whole-of-government approach to enhancing the ability of foreign countries to combat public corruption.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 23, 2019:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 23, 2019:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 23, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7234-7236)
- **Dec 19, 2019:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 11, 2019:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Risch with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jul 11, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 144.
- **Jun 25, 2019:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 2, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 2, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.