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DEFEND Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Jun 13, 2019

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jun 13, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 13, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 13, 2019)

Deterring Espionage by Foreign Entities through National Defense Act of 2019 or the DEFEND Act

This bill makes changes to provisions governing federal civil claims for trade secret misappropriation.

Specifically, it does the following:

- increases punitive damages for a victim,
- extends the statute of limitations for filing a claim, and
- allows claims for conduct that occurs outside the United States if the offense causes substantial economic harm in the United States.

Actions Timeline

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