

S 2330

Empowering Olympic, Paralympic, and Amateur Athletes Act of 2020

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Sports and Recreation

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]

Party: Republican • **State:** KS • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 30, 2019
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Aug 1, 2019
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Aug 1, 2019
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Aug 1, 2019
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Aug 1, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 10, 2019
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Sep 10, 2019
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Sep 26, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Sep 26, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Oct 17, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Oct 17, 2019
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Nov 12, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Nov 12, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Nov 12, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 19, 2019
Sen. Romney, Mitt [R-UT]	R · UT		Aug 4, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 29, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Sports and Recreation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 SCONRES 46	Related bill	Oct 1, 2020: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
116 HCONRES 118	Related bill	Sep 18, 2020: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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.
116 HR 7881	Identical bill	Jul 30, 2020: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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.
116 HR 3303	Related bill	Jun 18, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
116 S 132	Related bill	Jan 15, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of Oct 30, 2020)

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This bill establishes safeguards to protect amateur athletes from abuse, including sexual abuse, by coaches and employees in U.S. Olympic and Paralympic sports.

The bill establishes (1) legislative mechanisms by which Congress can dissolve the Board of Directors of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) and decertify national governing bodies; and (2) a duty of care that USOPC owes to amateur athletes, including protecting athletes by requiring it to ensure that any allegation of child abuse of an amateur athlete who is a minor is immediately reported to law enforcement.

The bill provides for an annual amateur athlete survey conducted anonymously and an Athletes' Advisory Council.

The bill revises duties of the Office of the Ombuds regarding the pursuit of abuse claims by the U.S. Center for SafeSport, confidentiality, and retaliation against an employee or member for disclosing information or seeking assistance in mediation. The USOPC and the national governing bodies shall not interfere in or attempt to influence the outcome of an investigation.

The center shall report to Congress within 72 hours of an attempt to interfere in, or influence the outcome of, an investigation.

The bill establishes within the legislative branch the Commission on the State of U.S. Olympics and Paralympics to study matters relating to the state of U.S. participation in the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The bill prohibits retaliation against protected individuals (including amateur athletes, coaches, and trainers) because of disclosures pertaining to sexual abuse or harassment.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 30, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 30, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-189.
- **Oct 20, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Ms. Bass moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5151-5160)
- **Oct 1, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2330.
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Oct 1, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5151-5159)
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Aug 7, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 7, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 7, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Aug 4, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S4688-4696)
- **Aug 4, 2020:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent. (CR S4696)
- **Aug 4, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Aug 4, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 116-245.
- **Jul 29, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 503.
- **Nov 13, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 30, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 30, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.