

S 2658

ACCESS Act of 2019

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Oct 22, 2019

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Oct 22, 2019)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/2658>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Oct 22, 2019
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Oct 22, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 22, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Augmenting Compatibility and Competition by Enabling Service Switching Act of 2019 or the ACCESS Act of 2019

This bill requires large communications platform providers with more than 100 million monthly users (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) to establish interfaces (e.g., application programming interfaces [APIs]) that make user data portable and services interoperable. These interfaces must be made available for users and competitor platforms to access and transfer such user data.

Competitors accessing user data through an interface must keep the data reasonably secure and may not use it for commercial purposes. Users also may designate third parties that meet certain requirements, including registering with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), to manage their user data. A communications platform may place reasonable limits on competitors' access to its interoperability interface.

The bill further requires the National Institute of Standards and Technology to develop model technical standards for implementing platform interoperability.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 22, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 22, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.