

S 2669

SHIELD Act

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Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 23, 2019
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Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 11, 2020
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 28, 2020
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 29, 2020
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Aug 6, 2020
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Aug 6, 2020
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Aug 6, 2020
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Aug 13, 2020
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Aug 13, 2020
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 15, 2020
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 16, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 23, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4617	Related bill	Oct 28, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
116 HR 4703	Related bill	Oct 16, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
116 HR 4612	Related bill	Oct 4, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
116 S 2242	Related bill	Jul 23, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
116 HR 3873	Related bill	Jul 22, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

Summary (as of Oct 23, 2019)

Stopping Harmful Interference in Elections for a Lasting Democracy Act or the SHIELD Act

This bill establishes a duty to report election interference from foreign entities, applies existing campaign advertising requirements to online advertisements, and generally limits political spending and election interference by foreign entities.

Specifically, a political committee must report certain foreign contacts involving an offer of unlawful election assistance to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Election Commission. The bill establishes criminal penalties for violations of these requirements.

Existing requirements for political advertisements and electioneering communications apply to internet and digital advertisements, including requirements related to disclosures and contributions. Additionally, large online platforms must maintain a public database of certain political advertisements.

The bill places limitations on political spending by foreign entities. Specifically, foreign entities may not (1) contribute to campaigns related to ballot initiatives and referenda, or (2) make disbursements for certain internet activity referring to a candidate or a political issue.

A candidate is prohibited from offering to share nonpublic campaign information with certain foreign entities.

The bill also prohibits (1) the dissemination of false statements regarding federal elections or public endorsement, or (2) the intentional hindering of voting or registering to vote. The bill establishes criminal penalties and a private right of action with respect to these prohibitions.

Actions Timeline

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