

## HR 298

### Balanced Budget Accountability Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Congress

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, and Rules, 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. (Jan 8, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Gianforte, Greg [R-MT-At Large]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jan 8, 2019
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 8, 2019
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 8, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Congress

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 44	Related bill	Jan 8, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## **Balanced Budget Accountability Act**

This bill requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), upon adoption by a chamber of Congress of a concurrent budget resolution for a fiscal year, to certify to the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President pro tempore of the Senate whether that chamber has adopted a balanced budget.

*Balanced budget* means a concurrent budget resolution providing that for FY2027 and each succeeding fiscal year to which the resolution applies total outlays do not exceed total receipts and are not more than 18% of the gross domestic product for such fiscal year.

The bill requires the salary of Members of Congress to be held in escrow if OMB determines a chamber has not adopted a balanced budget for FY2020 before April 16, 2019, and for FY2021 before April 16, 2020. The bill also provides for the release of such funds to the Members.

Beginning in FY2022, if OMB does not certify that a chamber has adopted a balanced budget before April 16 of the prior fiscal year, each Member of that chamber shall be paid \$1 annually for pay periods beginning on April 16 of the prior fiscal year and ending on the earlier of

- the date on which OMB certifies that the chamber has adopted a balanced budget for such fiscal year, or
- the last day of the calendar year in which such period begins.

This bill requires legislation in either chamber that increases revenue to be agreed upon only by an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members of that chamber.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 8, 2019:** Introduced in House
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