

## HR 3352

### Department of State Authorization Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Sep 9, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jun 19, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Reported By	Jul 24, 2019
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 9, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3769	Related bill	Jul 16, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
116 HR 3639	Related bill	Jul 9, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
116 HR 2046	Related bill	May 22, 2019: Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules.
116 HR 2159	Related bill	Apr 9, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
116 HR 2024	Related bill	Apr 2, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
116 HR 1677	Related bill	Mar 11, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
116 HR 328	Related bill	Jan 23, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
116 HR 193	Related bill	Jan 3, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

## **Department of State Authorization Act of 2019**

This bill authorizes, revises, and repeals various provisions related to the Department of State.

The bill provides statutory authority to establish an Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs and an Assistant Secretary for Energy Diplomacy and Security and eliminates the position for the Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Burma (Myanmar).

The bill imposes limitations on special appointments not expressly authorized by Congress.

The State Department may not implement any reduction-in-force actions unless it has provided justification to Congress.

The State Department shall establish and implement a standard parental leave policy applicable to employees across all bureaus and offices.

The State Department may waive various requirements related to hiring (1) certain employees with significant scientific, technological, or engineering expertise; or (2) Global Engagement Center employees.

The State Department shall make certain efforts to promote diversity in its workforce, including expanding anti-harassment and antidiscrimination training and gathering data to devise ways to promote participation from a range of demographic categories in professional development programs.

The State Department shall (1) semiannually consult with other departments and agencies regarding the security of certain information systems and commission independent penetration testing of such systems, (2) establish a process for security researchers to test State Department systems and submit information about discovered vulnerabilities, and (3) create a bug bounty program that provides rewards for information about previously unidentified security flaws in State Department information systems.

The bill directs the State Department to take various actions to update its public diplomacy efforts, including establishing a Director of Research and Evaluation to assess existing programs.

The State Department shall assess each country's capacity to combat public corruption. For countries that do not meet the minimum standards, the State Department shall utilize proper measures to combat corruption.

The State Department shall establish a working group on security assistance, including activities such as peacekeeping and military financing assistance. The bill revises various requirements and limits related to such assistance and transferring defense articles to foreign countries.

The State Department may designate an existing official to coordinate all U.S. government matters relating to the long-term disposition of Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) detainees.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 9, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Mr. Engel moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7412-7436)
- **Jul 25, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3352.
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7412-7434)
- **Jul 25, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7412-7434)
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 24, 2019:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Foreign Affairs. H. Rept. 116-181.
- **Jul 24, 2019:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 140.
- **Jun 26, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 26, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 26, 2019:** Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules.
- **Jun 19, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 19, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.