

## HR 3357

Merit Systems Protection Board Reauthorization Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. (Jul 16, 2019)

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Jun 19, 2019
Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Nov 19, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 19, 2019
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 16, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Merit Systems Protection Board Reauthorization Act of 2019**

This bill reauthorizes the Merit Systems Protection Board through FY2024 and modifies its authority.

Specifically, the bill requires the board to establish and collect a filing fee to be paid by any individual filing a claim or appeal. The bill requires the board to make a decision in a matter after receiving the written representations of the parties and after an opportunity for a hearing, and the bill authorizes the board to grant a motion for summary judgment. With respect to an appeal from a performance or conduct-based adverse action, the bill prohibits the board from mitigating the personnel action unless it is so disproportionate as to be without justification. Further, the bill requires that all decisions of the agency be supported by substantial evidence.

In addition, the bill limits furlough appeals and provides for the reappointment of board members (currently, board members may not be reappointed).

The bill also makes the board the arbiter of appeals involving the removal, demotion, or suspension of an employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 16, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.
- **Jun 19, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 19, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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.