

S 394

Presidential Transition Enhancement Act of 2019

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Law: 116-121 (Enacted Mar 3, 2020)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/394>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]

Party: Republican • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 7, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 30, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 25, 2019
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 2, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 964	Related bill	Jan 27, 2020: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 306.
116 S 949	Related bill	Mar 28, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 S 338	Related bill	Feb 5, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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This bill makes changes intended to smooth the transfer of executive power during presidential transitions.

The bill provides for the detailing of legislative branch employees on a reimbursable basis to office staffs designated by the President-elect or Vice President-elect with the consent of the supervising Member of Congress.

The bill extends support provided by the General Services Administration (GSA) to the President- and Vice President-elect for up to 60 days after the inauguration.

By September 1 of a year during which a presidential election occurs, the GSA shall enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with each eligible candidate, which shall include the conditions for administrative support services and facilities. To the maximum extent practicable, an MOU shall be based on MOUs relating to previous presidential transitions. Each MOU shall include an agreement that the eligible candidate will implement and enforce an ethics plan to guide the conduct of the transition beginning on the date on which such candidate becomes President-elect. The plan shall be published on the GSA website.

By September 15 of a year during which a presidential election occurs, each agency shall ensure that a succession plan is in place for each senior noncareer position in the agency.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 3, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Mar 3, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-121.
- **Feb 20, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Feb 5, 2020:** Mrs. Maloney, Carolyn B. moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 5, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H825-827)
- **Feb 5, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 394.
- **Feb 5, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Feb 5, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H825-826)
- **Feb 5, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Aug 2, 2019:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 2, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
- **Aug 1, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5318-5320; text: CR S5319-5320)
- **Aug 1, 2019:** Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5318-5320; text: CR S5319-5320)
- **Aug 1, 2019:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 25, 2019:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with amendments. With written report No. 116-13.
- **Mar 25, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 44.
- **Feb 13, 2019:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 7, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.