

S 4077

Unfunded Mandates Accountability and Transparency Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Jun 25, 2020
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Jun 25, 2020
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Jul 27, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 16, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7332	Identical bill	Jun 25, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, the Budget, and the Judiciary, 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.
116 S 870	Related bill	Mar 26, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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This bill revises rulemaking requirements with respect to unfunded mandates.

Specifically, the bill requires federal agencies to prepare and publish in the Federal Register an initial and final regulatory impact analysis prior to promulgating any proposed or final major rule. The analysis must include regulatory alternatives to the rule.

Major rule means a rule that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs determines is likely to cause

- an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more;
- a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, federal, state, local, or tribal government agencies, or geographic regions; or
- significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, public health and safety, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises in domestic and export markets.

Before promulgating any proposed or final major rule, an agency shall select the regulatory alternative that maximizes net benefits, taking into consideration only the costs and benefits that arise within the scope of the statutory provision that authorizes the rulemaking, with exceptions.

The bill prohibits Congress from considering a bill that increases private sector costs more than a certain amount unless certain conditions are met.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 16, 2020:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with an amendment. With written report No. 116-333.
- **Dec 16, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 643.
- **Jul 22, 2020:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jun 25, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 25, 2020:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.