

HR 4277

Department of Defense Ethics and Anti-corruption Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Sep 11, 2019
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Jun 18, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 10, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 25, 2019
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 10, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1503	Related bill	May 16, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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This bill addresses the conduct of Department of Defense (DOD) officials regarding relationships with military contractors.

With respect to certain DOD officials involved in contracting, the bill increases the following: (1) the period during which an official leaving DOD and seeking compensation from a contractor must obtain an ethics opinion concerning post-employment restrictions, (2) the length of time such requests must be retained in a central repository, and (3) the frequency of Inspector General reviews of providing and retaining opinions.

Each procurement contract of a value exceeding \$10 million must require the contractor to annually report information (including concerning lobbying activities) about former officials and military officers who received compensation within four years after leaving service. Such a contract shall include a clause prohibiting the contractor from receiving the compensation.

Contracts with contractors that received an average of more than \$1 billion in revenue in the previous three years from DOD or the Department of Energy (related to the U.S. nuclear program) shall prohibit the employment or payment of certain DOD officials within four years of leaving DOD service.

In addition, the bill includes restrictions and conditions concerning:

- lobbying by former officials and officers;
- stock ownership and trading;
- employment that is subject to the emoluments clause of the Constitution;
- work by certain senior officials for a foreign entity (including work that conflicts with U.S. national security interests);
- financial disclosure by large prospective contractors; and
- public disclosure of information regarding the identification of general or flag officers and their finances and conduct.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Sep 10, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 10, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Oversight and Reform, 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.