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Stop Suppressing Speech Act of 2020

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 21, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7808	Related bill	Jul 29, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
116 HR 4027	Related bill	Jul 26, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

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This bill modifies a social media company's immunity from liability for screening and blocking offensive content on its platform.

Under current law, the immunity applies for action taken to restrict content that is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, excessively violent, harassing, or otherwise objectionable. The bill eliminates immunity for restricting content that is otherwise objectionable and applies such immunity when a company restricts content that is unlawful or that promotes violence or terrorism.

Under current law, such immunity also applies to actions taken to enable or make available the technical means to restrict access to such content. The bill applies this immunity to actions taken that provide users with the option to restrict access to any material, regardless of whether such material is constitutionally protected.

Actions Timeline

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