

## HR 5546

Effective Assistance of Counsel in the Digital Era Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Jan 7, 2020

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sep 22, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/5546>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Jan 7, 2020
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jan 7, 2020
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Jan 9, 2020
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Jan 9, 2020
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Jan 10, 2020
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Jan 10, 2020
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jan 21, 2020
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Jan 21, 2020
Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Jan 24, 2020
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Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Jan 28, 2020
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Feb 3, 2020
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Feb 3, 2020
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 5, 2020
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Feb 5, 2020
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Feb 10, 2020
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Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		May 15, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Feb 11, 2020
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 22, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6800	Related bill	<b>Jul 23, 2020:</b> Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-517.

## Summary (as of Sep 21, 2020)

### Effective Assistance of Counsel in the Digital Era Act

This bill prohibits the Department of Justice from monitoring the contents of a privileged electronic communication between an incarcerated person and his or her legal representative.

## Actions Timeline

- **Sep 22, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Ms. Scanlon moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4576-4579)
- **Sep 21, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5546.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4577)
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 16, 2020:** Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 116-507.
- **Sep 16, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 407.
- **Feb 12, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 12, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported.
- **Feb 11, 2020:** Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Discharged.
- **Jan 28, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jan 7, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 7, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.