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BLAST Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Feb 28, 2019

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Feb 28, 2019)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/601>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|-------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL] | R · FL | | Feb 28, 2019 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Referred To | Feb 28, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 HR 3419 | Related bill | Jun 21, 2019: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, Ethics, 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 HR 1145 | Related bill | Mar 25, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. |

Summary (as of Feb 28, 2019)

Banning Lobbying and Safeguarding Trust Act or the BLAST Act

This bill revises the post-employment lobbying ban on former Members and elected officers of Congress.

Specifically, it imposes a permanent ban on lobbying contacts by a former Member of the U.S. Senate (currently, a two-year ban), a former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives (currently, a one-year ban), or a former elected officer of the House or Senate (currently, a one-year ban).

Actions Timeline

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