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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)

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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
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 28, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
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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