

HR 6421

Li Wenliang Global Public Health Accountability Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

Introduced: Mar 31, 2020

Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on 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. (Mar 31, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Mar 31, 2020
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Mar 31, 2020
Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Mar 31, 2020
Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Mar 31, 2020
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Mar 31, 2020
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Mar 31, 2020
Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Apr 17, 2020
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Apr 17, 2020
Rep. Jacobs, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Oct 20, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 31, 2020
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 31, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7733	Related bill	Jul 23, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on 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 7132	Related bill	Jun 8, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, 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.
116 S 3600	Identical bill	May 5, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Summary (as of Mar 31, 2020)

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This bill authorizes the President to impose property- and visa-blocking sanctions on foreign individuals and entities involved in deliberate acts to conceal or distort information about a public health emergency of international concern, including COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

Specifically, the President may impose sanctions on (1) a government official (or a senior associate of such an official) who is responsible for or complicit in deliberate acts to conceal or distort information about an international public health emergency, or who financially benefits from such acts; or (2) a foreign person or entity that has materially assisted or supported such acts.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 31, 2020:** Introduced in House
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