

HR 7213

Bivens Act of 2020

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Law

Introduced: Jun 15, 2020

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (Jun 15, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 15, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 15, 2020)

Bivens Act of 2020

This bill provides statutory authority for individuals to sue and recover damages from federal officials for violations of their constitutional rights.

Currently, individuals have a statutory right to bring such suits against state or local officials, commonly known as Section 1983 suits or Bivens actions. Although the statute does not explicitly authorize such suits against federal officials, the Supreme Court has found this right to be inferred from the Constitution.

Actions Timeline

- Jun 15, 2020:** Introduced in House
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