

HR 7856

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee | House | Reported By | Oct 30, 2020 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 HR 8993 | Related bill | Dec 16, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security. |
| 116 HR 6624 | Related bill | Nov 18, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |
| 116 HR 8763 | Related bill | Nov 17, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select). |
| 116 HR 7225 | Related bill | Jun 15, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Foreign Affairs, 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. |

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This bill authorizes various intelligence-related activities for FY2021 and contains other related provisions.

The bill's provisions include those

- requiring each intelligence community element to notify Congress before conducting certain activities, including providing support to a government response to a domestic civil disturbance, with some exceptions, or engaging in an activity pursuant to a presidential emergency action document;
- generally prohibiting the intelligence community from awarding a contract for a national security satellite that uses a star tracker not produced in the United States;
- providing for paid leave for a civilian intelligence community employee to address a serious health condition;
- establishing the Office of the Ombudsman for Analytic Objectivity;
- requiring the Department of Homeland Security to establish an intelligence and cybersecurity diversity fellowship program, which may provide an eligible individual with a paid internship or employment offer upon graduation;
- imposing certain protections related to intelligence community inspectors general, such as by limiting when the President may remove such an inspector general and limiting who may serve as an acting inspector general;
- providing for criminal penalties in certain instances for a federal government employee or officer who knowingly and willfully discloses the identity of an intelligence community whistleblower;
- requiring a political committee to report certain foreign contacts and establishing criminal penalties for violations of such requirements in certain instances; and
- prohibiting the use of funds made available to the intelligence community for FY2021 to enable or assist air strikes in Yemen by the Saudi Arabia-led coalition.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 30, 2020:** Reported by the Committee on Intelligence. H. Rept. 116-565.
- **Oct 30, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 463.
- **Jul 31, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 31, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 11 - 8.
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select).