

## HR 7864

Merit Systems Protection Board Empowerment Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Jul 30, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform. (Jul 30, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/7864>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]

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

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jul 30, 2020
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Aug 4, 2020
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Aug 22, 2020
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Oct 23, 2020
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Oct 30, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 30, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4880	Related bill	<b>Oct 26, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 8363	Related bill	<b>Sep 23, 2020:</b> Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, the Budget, Transportation and Infrastructure, Rules, Foreign Affairs, Ways and Means, Intelligence (Permanent Select), and House Administration, 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.

## **Merit Systems Protection Board Empowerment Act of 2020**

This bill reauthorizes the Merit Systems Protection Board through FY2025 and modifies certain requirements relating to the administration of cases involving whistleblowers. Specifically, it requires cases involving alleged retaliation against whistleblowers to be heard by the board, an administrative law judge, or a designated board employee who has received training regarding the protections afforded whistleblowers under law.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 30, 2020:** Introduced in House
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