

## HR 8791

DHS Reform Act of 2020

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. (Nov 20, 2020)

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (19 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Nov 19, 2020
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Nov 19, 2020
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Nov 19, 2020
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Nov 19, 2020
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Nov 19, 2020
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Nov 19, 2020
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Nov 19, 2020
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Nov 19, 2020
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Nov 19, 2020
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Nov 19, 2020
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Nov 19, 2020
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Nov 19, 2020
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Dec 2, 2020
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Dec 2, 2020
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Dec 4, 2020
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Dec 4, 2020
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Dec 7, 2020
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Dec 7, 2020
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Dec 16, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 19, 2020
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 19, 2020
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 19, 2020
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 20, 2020
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8992	Related bill	<b>Dec 16, 2020:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.
116 HR 8993	Related bill	<b>Dec 16, 2020:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.
116 HR 4727	Related bill	<b>Nov 9, 2020:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 579.
116 HR 4713	Related bill	<b>Oct 19, 2020:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 574.
116 HR 5822	Related bill	<b>Oct 1, 2020:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 7906	Related bill	<b>Jul 31, 2020:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
116 S 4251	Related bill	<b>Jul 21, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 2066	Related bill	<b>Jun 1, 2020:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 459.
116 S 3433	Related bill	<b>Mar 10, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 1140	Related bill	<b>Mar 5, 2020:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
116 HR 5824	Related bill	<b>Feb 12, 2020:</b> Ordered to be Reported (Amended).
116 HR 1494	Related bill	<b>Feb 11, 2020:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 2932	Related bill	<b>Feb 11, 2020:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 4753	Related bill	<b>Feb 11, 2020:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 5678	Related bill	<b>Jan 29, 2020:</b> Ordered to be Reported (Amended).
116 HR 3787	Related bill	<b>Dec 18, 2019:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 283.
116 HR 3484	Related bill	<b>Jul 18, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security.
116 HR 2609	Related bill	<b>Jun 12, 2019:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 2083	Related bill	<b>Jun 11, 2019:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 1892	Related bill	<b>May 16, 2019:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 1437	Related bill	<b>May 15, 2019:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 1912	Related bill	<b>May 15, 2019:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 S 1055	Related bill	<b>Apr 4, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 1433	Related bill	<b>Apr 2, 2019:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 1593	Related bill	<b>Apr 2, 2019:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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116 HR 424	Related bill	<b>Jan 29, 2019:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 449	Related bill	<b>Jan 29, 2019:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 769	Related bill	<b>Jan 29, 2019:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## Summary (as of Nov 19, 2020)

### Department of Homeland Security Reform Act of 2020 or the DHS Reform Act of 2020

This bill makes extensive changes to the structure of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and to the responsibilities of DHS components.

Specifically, the bill, among other things

- creates a new Associate Secretary responsible for overseeing DHS's law enforcement functions;
- modifies the responsibilities of the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, including to engage with individuals and communities whose civil rights and liberties may be affected by DHS programs and activities;
- directs DHS to establish an employee engagement steering committee to identify factors that have a negative impact on employee engagement, morale, and communications within DHS;
- establishes within DHS a school security coordinating council;
- requires that DHS's use-of-force policy be updated to emphasize de-escalation;
- requires DHS to carry out an intelligence and cybersecurity diversity fellowship program;
- grants rights to Transportation Security Administration officers under the federal personnel system; and
- requires DHS to issue a DHS-wide strategy to enhance partnerships with historically black colleges and universities and minority-serving institutes that includes yearly goals.

### Actions Timeline

- **Nov 20, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Nov 20, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Nov 19, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 19, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, the Judiciary, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.