

## HR 8976

Access to the American Courts Act of 2020

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 16, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Law

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Dec 16, 2020)

#### Access to the American Courts Act of 2020

This bill establishes that U.S. district courts shall have jurisdiction over any lawsuit based on an alleged violation of a constitutional right by the United States or any agent, person, or entity acting in the name of the United States.

(Generally, the United States may not be sued unless it has consented to the lawsuit.)

The plaintiff filing such a lawsuit shall have the right to a jury trial. If the plaintiff prevails in such a lawsuit, it shall receive attorney fees and costs.

### Actions Timeline

- **Dec 16, 2020:** Introduced in House
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