

## HR 964

### Transition Team Ethics Improvement Act

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Jan 27, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 5070	Related bill	<b>Dec 19, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 9029	Related bill	<b>Dec 18, 2020:</b> Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, House Administration, Ways and Means, Financial Services, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Rules, Foreign Affairs, Armed Services, and the Budget, 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.
116 S 394	Related bill	<b>Mar 3, 2020:</b> Became Public Law No: 116-121.
116 HR 1612	Related bill	<b>Apr 12, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
116 S 949	Related bill	<b>Mar 28, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 1	Related bill	<b>Mar 14, 2019:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 39.
116 S 338	Related bill	<b>Feb 5, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## Transition Team Ethics Improvement Act

This bill establishes ethics requirements for a President-elect's transition team.

The bill requires each President-elect or Vice-President-elect, not later than 10 days after submitting an application for a security clearance for an individual and not later than 10 days after any such individual is granted a security clearance, to report to Congress with the name of such individual.

The Federal Transition Coordinator must negotiate a memorandum of understanding with the transition representative of each eligible candidate by October 1 (currently November 1) of a year during which a presidential election occurs.

Each memorandum of understanding shall include an agreement that the eligible candidate will implement and enforce an ethics plan to guide the conduct of the transition beginning on the date on which the candidate becomes the President-elect.

The ethics plan shall include

- a description of the ethics requirements that will apply to all transition team members;
- a description of how the transition team will address the role on the team of registered lobbyists, former registered lobbyists, persons registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, foreign nationals, other foreign agents, and transition team members with sources of income or clients that are not disclosed to the public;
- a Code of Ethical Conduct, to which each transition team member will sign and be subject to, that meets specified requirements; and
- a description of how the transition team will enforce the Code of Ethical Conduct.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 27, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Oversight and Reform. H. Rept. 116-382.
- **Jan 27, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 306.
- **Mar 26, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 26, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 18 - 12.
- **Feb 5, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 5, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.