

HR 1265

Enhancing Protections for Whistleblower Anonymity Act

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill establishes a new criminal offense related to the disclosure of a whistle-blower's identity.

Specifically, the bill prohibits a federal employee or contractor from disclosing the identity of a whistle-blower or identifying information about a whistle-blower. A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to one year, or both.

Additionally, the bill authorizes a whistle-blower to file a civil suit against a federal employee or contractor who discloses or threatens to disclose the whistle-blower's identify.

The bill includes exceptions for disclosures that are made to other government employees and permitted under current law.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Feb 23, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 23, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.