

HR 1266

Duty to Report Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Apr 28, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]

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

Cosponsors (20 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Feb 23, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 28, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 394	Identical bill	Feb 23, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Summary (as of Feb 23, 2021)

Duty to Report Act

This bill requires political committees, candidates for federal office, and other individuals to report to the Federal Election Commission (FEC) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) any offers of prohibited contributions, including offers of nonpublic information regarding other candidates, by foreign nationals.

Specifically, political committees and candidates must report to the FEC within 24 hours any (1) offers of prohibited contributions from foreign nationals, and (2) meetings with foreign governments or their agents.

In addition, the bill requires political committees, candidates, immediate family members of candidates, and individuals affiliated with a campaign (e.g., employees and independent contractors) to report to the FBI within 24 hours any offers of prohibited contributions from foreign nationals. Further, the bill establishes a new criminal offense for knowingly and willfully failing to comply with this reporting requirement. A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to two years, or both.

Such reported information may not be used to enforce certain immigration provisions related to the removal of undocumented aliens.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Feb 23, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 23, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.