

S 1917

K-12 Cybersecurity Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Education

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		May 27, 2021
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 21, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 21, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 26, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4691	Identical bill	Sep 14, 2021: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 87.

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This bill requires the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to study the cybersecurity risks facing elementary and secondary schools and develop recommendations that include cybersecurity guidelines designed to assist schools in facing those risks. The use of such recommendations shall be voluntary.

The study must evaluate the challenges that schools face in securing (1) information systems owned, leased, or relied upon by those schools; and (2) sensitive student and employee records.

Further, the bill requires CISA to (1) develop an online training toolkit designed for school officials; and (2) make available on the Department of Homeland Security website the study's findings, the cybersecurity guidelines, and the toolkit.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 8, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 8, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 117-47.
- **Oct 5, 2021:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 29, 2021:** Mr. Thompson (MS) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 29, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5538-5539)
- **Sep 29, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1917.
- **Sep 29, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5538)
- **Sep 29, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5538)
- **Sep 29, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Aug 13, 2021:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 13, 2021:** Held at the desk.
- **Aug 10, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 9, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6189-6190; text: CR S6189-6190)
- **Aug 9, 2021:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6189-6190; text: CR S6189-6190)
- **Jul 26, 2021:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters without amendment. With written report No. 117-32.
- **Jul 26, 2021:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 107.
- **Jul 14, 2021:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 27, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 27, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.