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Federal Advisory Committee Transparency Act

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Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]

Party: Democratic • State: NY • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Mar 16, 2021
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		May 7, 2021
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		May 11, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 16, 2021
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Markup By	May 13, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 16, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 790	Related bill	Mar 17, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## **Federal Advisory Committee Transparency Act**

This bill revises provisions regarding federal advisory committees, including to (1) require designation of committee members as special government employees or representatives, (2) apply the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) to subcommittees and subgroups, and (3) require publication of certain information about advisory committees.

The bill requires appointments to advisory committees to be made without regard to political affiliation or campaign activity, unless required by federal statute. Each agency, prior to appointing members to an advisory committee, must solicit nominations for potential committee members. The agency shall solicit nominations at least once every two years.

The bill provides statutory authority for the designation of advisory committee members as special government employees (if they are appointed to exercise their individual best judgement) or representatives (if they are appointed to represent a nongovernment entity). Agencies may not designate committee members as representatives to avoid federal ethics rules.

Each agency shall make available on its website specified information about each of the agency's advisory committees, including membership, meeting minutes, and notices of future meetings. The General Services Administration must also publish this information.

The bill revises requirements for Advisory Committee Management Officers, including to require them to be senior officials with expertise in implementing FACA.

The Government Accountability Office shall report on agency compliance with FACA.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 13, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 13, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 16, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 16, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, 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.