

HR 2009

Access to the American Courts Act of 2021

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Policy Area: Law

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 19, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Law

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 18, 2021)

Access to the American Courts Act of 2021

This bill establishes that U.S. district courts shall have jurisdiction over any lawsuit based on an alleged violation of a constitutional right by the United States or any agent, person, or entity acting in the name of the United States. (Generally, the United States may not be sued unless it has consented to the lawsuit.)

The plaintiff filing such a lawsuit shall have the right to a jury trial. If the plaintiff prevails in such a lawsuit, it shall receive attorney fees and costs.

Actions Timeline

- **May 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
- **Mar 18, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 18, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.