

# HR 2055

Transparency in Government Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Congress

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Oct 19, 2021)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]

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

## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Mar 18, 2021

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 18, 2021
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Mar 18, 2021
Ethics Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 18, 2021
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 18, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 19, 2021
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 18, 2021
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 18, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Congress

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4257	Related bill	<b>Nov 1, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
117 S 2838	Related bill	<b>May 5, 2022:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 363.
117 HR 7619	Related bill	<b>Apr 28, 2022:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
117 S 272	Related bill	<b>Sep 24, 2021:</b> Became Public Law No: 117-40.
117 HR 2485	Related bill	<b>Jul 27, 2021:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
117 S 807	Related bill	<b>Jun 24, 2021:</b> Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
117 HR 22	Related bill	<b>Jan 6, 2021:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## Summary (as of Mar 18, 2021)

### Transparency in Government Act of 2021

This bill establishes and otherwise modifies several reporting, disclosure, and other requirements across all branches of government to expand public access to information.

For example, with respect to the legislative branch, the bill

- establishes additional financial disclosure requirements for Members of Congress,
- requires congressional committees to post certain materials (e.g., schedules and transcripts) within specified time frames, and
- provides for the creation of a centralized online database of congressionally mandated reports.

Additionally, with respect to the executive branch, the bill

- requires agencies to publicly disclose additional information relating to sponsored advertisements, budget requests, and grant recipients;
- requires certain legal advisory opinions and rulemaking materials to be published within specified time frames; and
- provides for the appointment of a special counsel to prosecute individuals in the executive branch for contempt of Congress.

Finally, with respect to the judicial branch, the bill

- requires the Supreme Court to allow proceedings that are conducted in open court to be televised,
- requires certain financial disclosure statements of judicial officers to be posted within specified time frames, and
- requires certain electronic filing systems to be consolidated and meet certain data standards (e.g., search functions).

## Actions Timeline

- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Mar 18, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 18, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, the Judiciary, Ethics, Financial Services, the Budget, and Rules, 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.