

## S 2079

Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2021

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Tuberville, Tommy [R-AL]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AL • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Jun 7, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 16, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Law

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5773	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.

## Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2021

This bill prohibits the federal government from entering into or enforcing a settlement agreement on behalf of the United States that provides for a payment or loan to any person or entity other than the United States. The bill provides exceptions to allow payments or loans that (1) remedy actual harm (including to the environment) caused by the party making the payment or loan, or (2) constitute a payment for services rendered in connection with the case or a payment that a court may order for restitution to victims in certain criminal cases or other persons in plea agreements.

Government officials or agents who violate this prohibition may be removed from office or required to forfeit to the government any money they hold for such purposes to which they may otherwise be entitled.

Agencies must report annually to the Congressional Budget Office about the parties, funding sources, and distribution of funds for their settlement agreements permitted by the exceptions in this bill.

### **Actions Timeline**

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