

HR 21

FedRAMP Authorization Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Jan 4, 2021
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Jan 4, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 7, 2021
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 4, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3099	Related bill	May 24, 2022: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 383.

Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program Authorization Act of 2021 or the FedRAMP Authorization Act

This bill provides statutory authority for the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) within the General Services Administration (GSA).

The GSA must establish a government-wide program that provides the authoritative standardized approach to security assessment and authorization for cloud computing products and services that process unclassified information used by agencies. Agencies must ensure that their cloud computing services meet GSA requirements.

The bill establishes the Joint Authorization Board to conduct security assessments of cloud computing services and issue provisional authorizations to operate to cloud service providers that meet FedRAMP security guidelines.

The GSA shall (1) publish a report that includes an assessment of the cost incurred by agencies and cloud service providers related to the issuance of FedRAMP authorizations and provisional authorizations, (2) determine the requirements for certification of independent assessment organizations, and (3) establish the Federal Secure Cloud Advisory Committee.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 6, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Jan 5, 2021:** Mrs. Maloney, Carolyn B. moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jan 5, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H58-62)
- **Jan 5, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 21.
- **Jan 5, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H58-60)
- **Jan 5, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H58-60)
- **Jan 5, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 4, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 4, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.