

HR 2988

Whistleblower Protection Improvement Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (29 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		May 4, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		May 4, 2021
Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]	R · SC		May 4, 2021
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		May 4, 2021
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		May 4, 2021
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		May 7, 2021
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		May 7, 2021
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jun 11, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Bush, Cori [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Jun 29, 2021
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Jun 29, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jun 29, 2021
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Jun 29, 2021
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Mar 29, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 19, 2022
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	May 18, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 1339	Related bill	Sep 14, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 HR 5314	Related bill	Dec 13, 2021: Received in the Senate.
117 S 2921	Related bill	Sep 30, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of Sep 15, 2022)

Whistleblower Protection Improvement Act of 2021

This bill establishes, modifies, and expands certain whistleblower protections for federal employees, including with respect to petitions to Congress, whistleblower identity, and protected disclosures.

For example, the bill prohibits personnel action against employees who exercise their right to petition or furnish information to Congress and specifically precludes the President, Members of Congress, members of the uniformed services, and other federal employees from interfering with this right. It also generally prohibits employees from disclosing the identity of whistleblowers to individuals outside of the government and allows the Inspector General to determine whether to investigate a referral if the referral is found to have been made in retaliation for whistleblowing activity. Employees may request corrective action from the Merit Systems Protection Board with respect to such prohibited practices and may file an action in court if the board does not render a final decision within 180 days of a request.

The bill also expands the list of recipients to whom an employee may make a protected disclosure to include a supervisor in the employee's direct chain of command. It also includes personnel actions involving furloughs of more than 14 days but less than 30 days, and furloughs of 13 days or less that are not due to funding lapses, as appealable adverse actions that are subject to certain procedural requirements.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 19, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Sep 15, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7860-7862)
- **Sep 15, 2022:** The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.
- **Sep 15, 2022:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was on agreeing to an amendment, which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Sep 15, 2022:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 2988.
- **Sep 15, 2022:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Sep 15, 2022:** The House adopted the amendments en gross as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Sep 15, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 221 - 203 (Roll no. 437).
- **Sep 15, 2022:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 221 - 203 (Roll no. 437).
- **Sep 15, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1339. (consideration: CR H7825-7833; text: CR H7825-7831)
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 302, H.R. 2988 and H.R. 8326. Rule provides for one hour of general debate each for H.R. 302, H.R. 2988, and H.R. 8326. Rule also provides for one motion to recommit on each bill.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 1339 and Rule XVIII.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Earl Blumenauer to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 2988.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1339, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Carolyn B. Maloney en bloc amendment.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Carolyn B. Maloney amendment, the Chair put the question on the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mrs. Maloney demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Mrs. Maloney, Carolyn B. moved that the committee rise.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** On motion that the committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 2988 as unfinished business.
- **Sep 13, 2022:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1339 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 302, H.R. 2988 and H.R. 8326. Rule provides for one hour of general debate each for H.R. 302, H.R. 2988, and H.R. 8326. Rule also provides for one motion to recommit on each bill.
- **May 17, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Oversight and Reform. H. Rept. 117-334.
- **May 17, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 251.
- **Jun 29, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 29, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 4, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 4, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.