

S 3059

Courthouse Ethics and Transparency Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Law

Introduced: Oct 25, 2021

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 117-125.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 117-125. (May 13, 2022)

Law: 117-125 (Enacted May 13, 2022)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/3059>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Oct 25, 2021
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Oct 25, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Oct 25, 2021
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Oct 25, 2021
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Oct 25, 2021
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Oct 25, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Oct 25, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Feb 18, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5720	Identical bill	Dec 2, 2021: Received in the Senate.

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This bill requires federal judicial officers, bankruptcy judges, and magistrate judges to file periodic transaction reports disclosing certain securities transactions. The bill also requires online publication of judicial financial disclosure reports.

Specifically, the bill requires federal judicial officers, bankruptcy judges, and magistrate judges to file reports within 45 days after a purchase, sale, or exchange that exceeds \$1,000 in stocks, bonds, commodities futures, and other forms of securities.

Additionally, the bill directs the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts to establish a searchable internet database of judicial financial disclosure reports. The office must, within 90 days of the date by which a report must be filed, make the report available on the database in a searchable, sortable, and downloadable format.

The bill does not require the immediate and unconditional availability of reports filed by a judicial officer or employee if the Judicial Conference finds that revealing personal and sensitive formation could endanger that individual or a family member of that individual.

Actions Timeline

- **May 13, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **May 13, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-125.
- **May 3, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Mr. Jeffries moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4521-4523)
- **Apr 27, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 3059.
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Apr 27, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4521)
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 18, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Feb 18, 2022:** Received in the House.
- **Feb 18, 2022:** Held at the desk.
- **Feb 17, 2022:** Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 17, 2022:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S801)
- **Feb 17, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 17, 2022:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 25, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 25, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.