

## S 3491

### Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 338.

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Hagerty, Bill [R-TN]

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

## Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 12, 2022
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 23, 2022
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 23, 2022
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		May 24, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 6, 2022

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4653	Related bill	Sep 15, 2022: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 490.
117 HR 8788	Related bill	Sep 9, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
117 HR 8536	Related bill	Jul 27, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

## **Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State Act**

This bill establishes in the legislative branch a commission to examine the changing nature of diplomacy in the 21st century and ways the Department of State and its personnel can modernize to advance U.S. interests.

The commission must offer recommendations related to topics such as (1) the State Department's organizational structure and infrastructure, (2) the link between diplomacy and other core U.S. interests such as defense, and (3) the core legislation that authorizes U.S. diplomacy.

The commission must also periodically brief Congress on the commission's work.

Within 18 months of this bill's enactment, the commission must provide to Congress and the President its final report of findings, conclusions, and recommendations. The report must also examine all substantive aspects of State Department personnel, management, and operations. The commission shall terminate 60 days after the submission of the final report.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 6, 2022:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Menendez with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Apr 6, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 338.
- **Mar 23, 2022:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jan 12, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 12, 2022:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.