

## HR 3849

ACCESS Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

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**Latest Action:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended). (Jun 24, 2021)

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Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Nov 17, 2021
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Dec 1, 2021
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jan 6, 2022
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Jan 19, 2022
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Feb 2, 2022
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Feb 2, 2022
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Markup By	Jun 24, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Augmenting Compatibility and Competition by Enabling Service Switching Act of 2021 or the ACCESS Act of 2021**

This bill requires large online platforms (e.g., YouTube, Salesforce) to facilitate consumers and businesses switching from one platform to another.

Specifically, the platforms must maintain interfaces that (1) securely transfer user data to other platforms (i.e., portability), and (2) allow other platforms to connect and communicate with their systems (i.e., interoperability).

The bill provides the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Department of Justice with the authority to designate specific platforms to which these requirements apply. After a platform is designated, the FTC must issue standards of interoperability specific to the platform. A platform may not change its interoperability interface without petitioning the FTC, and the platform must provide to competing businesses documentation for accessing the interface.

Further, the FTC must establish a technical committee to assist with the implementation of these requirements.

The bill provides the FTC with authority to enforce these requirements including through recovery of civil penalties and injunctive relief.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 24, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 24, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended).
- **Jun 23, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 11, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 11, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.