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A bill to establish the China Censorship Monitor and Action Group, and for other purposes.

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 24, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

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### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3695	Identical bill	<b>Jun 4, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
117 S 1169	Related bill	<b>May 10, 2021:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 54.

## Summary (as of Feb 24, 2021)

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This bill requires the President to establish an interagency task force, the China Censorship Monitor and Action Group. The task force shall oversee the development and execution of a federal government strategy to monitor and address Chinese government efforts to censor or intimidate individuals and entities in the United States, including U.S. companies doing business in China, when such individuals and entities are exercising their free speech rights.

The Department of State shall seek to enter into an agreement with a qualified independent research entity to report to Congress on Chinese government efforts to censor or intimidate U.S. individuals and entities in the United States, including attempts to censor or intimidate U.S. companies doing business in China.

## Actions Timeline

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