

## HR 4258

### Improving Digital Identity Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

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**Current Status:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 15.

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]

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

### Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Jun 24, 2022
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jun 24, 2022
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Jun 24, 2022
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Jul 7, 2022
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Jul 7, 2022
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jul 7, 2022
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Jul 13, 2022
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Jul 13, 2022
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Jul 13, 2022
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Jul 13, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Markup By	Jul 20, 2022
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 30, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 30, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

## Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Jun 30, 2021)

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### Improving Digital Identity Act of 2021

This bill establishes the Improving Digital Identity Task Force to establish a government-wide effort to develop secure methods for governmental agencies to validate identity attributes to protect the privacy and security of individuals and support reliable, interoperable digital identity verification in the public and private sectors.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) shall develop and periodically update a framework of standards, methodologies, procedures, and processes as a guide for federal, state, and local governments to follow when providing services to support digital identity verification.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall award grants to states to upgrade systems that provide drivers' licenses or other types of identity credentials to support the development of highly secure, interoperable state systems that enable digital identity verification.

The Government Accountability Office shall submit to Congress a report that includes (1) an analysis of legal and regulatory requirements with respect to the collection and retention of Social Security numbers by nongovernmental organizations, and (2) a recommendation on the necessity and effectiveness of any such legal and regulatory requirement analyzed and the use of a form of identification other than a Social Security number.

DHS shall issue binding operational directives to federal agencies to implement (1) the Digital Identity Guidelines published by NIST; and (2) the memorandum of the Office of Management and Budget issued on May 21, 2019, which includes the subject *Enabling Mission Delivery through Improved Identity, Credential, and Access Management*.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 20, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 20, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 15.
- **Jul 14, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 30, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 30, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.
- **Jun 30, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jun 30, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.