

## S 426

### Inspector General Access Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Feb 24, 2021

**Current Status:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Hearings held.

**Latest Action:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Hearings held. (Oct 21, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/426>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]

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

## Cosponsors (11 total)

| Cosponsor                         | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]     | R · TN        |      | Feb 24, 2021 |
| Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]   | D · CT        |      | Feb 24, 2021 |
| Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE] | D · DE        |      | Feb 24, 2021 |
| Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]             | R · TX        |      | Feb 24, 2021 |
| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]     | D · CA        |      | Feb 24, 2021 |
| Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]       | R · IA        |      | Feb 24, 2021 |
| Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]      | D · HI        |      | Feb 24, 2021 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]        | D · MN        |      | Feb 24, 2021 |
| Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]     | D · VT        |      | Feb 24, 2021 |
| Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]             | R · UT        |      | Feb 24, 2021 |
| Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]          | R · FL        |      | Feb 24, 2021 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee  | Chamber | Activity                     | Date         |
|--|---------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate  | Hearings By (full committee) | Oct 21, 2021 |
| Judiciary Committee                                  | Senate  | Referred To                  | Feb 24, 2021 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action  |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 117 HR 2662 | Related bill   | Dec 5, 2022: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 585. |
| 117 HR 3064 | Identical bill | May 7, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.                      |

## **Inspector General Access Act of 2021**

This bill transfers responsibility for investigating certain allegations of misconduct from the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Professional Responsibility to the DOJ Office of the Inspector General. Specifically, the bill transfers responsibility for allegations relating to a DOJ attorney's authority to investigate, litigate, or provide legal advice.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 21, 2021:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Feb 24, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 24, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR S864)