

HR 4445

Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Law

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Law: 117-90 (Enacted Mar 3, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]

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

Cosponsors (25 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jul 16, 2021
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Jul 16, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jul 16, 2021
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Aug 24, 2021
Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Nov 17, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Nov 17, 2021
Rep. Garbarino, Andrew R. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Jan 10, 2022
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Jan 10, 2022
Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Jan 25, 2022
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Jan 25, 2022
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jan 25, 2022
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Jan 28, 2022
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Jan 28, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Jan 28, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 900	Related bill	Feb 2, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 S 2342	Identical bill	Nov 17, 2021: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 169.

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This bill invalidates arbitration agreements that preclude a party from filing a lawsuit in court involving sexual assault or sexual harassment, at the election of the party alleging such conduct.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 3, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **Mar 3, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-90.
- **Mar 2, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Feb 10, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 10, 2022:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S621-628)
- **Feb 10, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Feb 8, 2022:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 264.
- **Feb 7, 2022:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 900. (consideration: CR H983-993)
- **Feb 7, 2022:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3485, H.R. 4445 and H.R. 4521. The rule provides for one hour of general debate on H.R. 3485 and H.R. 4445. The rule provides for two hours of general debate on H.R. 4521. The resolution provides for one motion to recommit for all three bills. The resolution amends H. Res. 188 by striking February 4, 2022 and inserting April 1, 2022. Also, the resolution provides that proceedings may be postponed through March 3, 2022 on measures that were the object of motions to suspend the rules on the legislative day of February 1, 2022, and on which the yeas and nays were ordered.
- **Feb 7, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 4445.
- **Feb 7, 2022:** DEBATE - The House continued with debate on H.R. 4445.
- **Feb 7, 2022:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 900, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Buck amendment.
- **Feb 7, 2022:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Buck amendment, the Chair put the question on agreeing to the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Jordan demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Feb 7, 2022:** Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further proceedings on H.R. 4445 were postponed.
- **Feb 7, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H994-995)
- **Feb 7, 2022:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was the question of agreeing to the Buck amendment, which was debated earlier an on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Feb 7, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 335 - 97 (Roll no. 33). (text: CR: H984)
- **Feb 7, 2022:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 335 - 97 (Roll no. 33). (text: CR: H984)
- **Feb 7, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 2, 2022:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 900 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3485, H.R. 4445 and H.R. 4521. The rule provides for one hour of general debate on H.R. 3485 and H.R. 4445. The rule provides for two hours of general debate on H.R. 4521. The resolution provides for one motion to recommit for all three bills. The resolution amends H. Res. 188 by striking February 4, 2022 and inserting April 1, 2022. Also, the resolution provides that proceedings may be postponed through March 3, 2022 on measures that were the object of motions to suspend the rules on the legislative day of February 1, 2022, and on which the yeas and nays were ordered.
- **Jan 28, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 117-234.
- **Jan 28, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 169.
- **Nov 17, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 17, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 27 - 14.
- **Jul 16, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 16, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.