

HR 5150

Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Sep 17, 2021
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Rep. Hinson, Ashley [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Sep 17, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Sep 17, 2021
Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Sep 17, 2021
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Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Sep 17, 2021
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Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Sep 23, 2021
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Sep 23, 2021
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Nov 18, 2021
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Nov 18, 2021
Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Nov 30, 2021
Rep. Moore, Blake D. [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Nov 30, 2021
Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Dec 9, 2021
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Dec 9, 2021
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Dec 20, 2021
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Dec 23, 2021
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Feb 1, 2022
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Sep 13, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 3, 2021
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 3, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 6, 2021
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 3, 2021
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 3, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 3, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 7, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 3, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 9217	Related bill	Oct 21, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
117 HR 6552	Related bill	Jul 27, 2022: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
117 HR 2858	Related bill	Oct 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2021

This bill reauthorizes through FY2026 and revises programs and activities to support survivors of human trafficking and prevent such trafficking domestically and abroad.

The bill expands and authorizes programs for survivors, including a program to prevent re-exploitation. It also extends through FY2026 a special assessment on certain persons convicted of a human trafficking offense, which funds programs for human-trafficking survivors. Additionally, the bill provides privacy and other protections for survivors, including specified financial protections and protections against retaliation for survivors who pursue civil claims against a perpetrator. The bill also allows courts to reduce sentences for certain individuals who commit human trafficking crimes as minors.

To prevent trafficking domestically, federal departments must incorporate anti-trafficking efforts into contracting activities and personnel policies, and the bill supports private sector efforts to address human trafficking in its policies and services. Furthermore, the bill supports the identification, investigation, and prosecution of human trafficking crimes, with an expanded focus on forced labor.

To prevent trafficking globally, the bill prohibits access to a trade program for developing countries and otherwise restricts development assistance for countries that fail to meet minimum standards for eliminating trafficking. It also changes the criteria for determining whether a country has met applicable standards. In addition, the bill authorizes sanctions on persons convicted of severe forms of trafficking and requires integration of counter-trafficking activities into foreign assistance programs.

The bill also requires reporting by the Government Accountability Office, federal agencies, and states concerning human trafficking.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Sep 7, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Sep 6, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 3, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 3, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ways and Means, Oversight and Reform, Education and Labor, Transportation and Infrastructure, Energy and Commerce, Armed Services, and Financial Services, 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.