

## HR 521

### First Responder Fair RETIRE Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Jan 28, 2021

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 117-225.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 117-225. (Dec 9, 2022)

**Law:** 117-225 (Enacted Dec 9, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/521>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]

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

## Cosponsors (26 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Feb 3, 2021
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Apr 21, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Oct 25, 2021
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Nov 9, 2021
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Nov 18, 2021
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Feb 18, 2022
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Mar 29, 2022
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 6, 2022
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		May 10, 2022
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Jul 7, 2022
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Jul 7, 2022
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jul 12, 2022
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Jul 12, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 28, 2021
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 28, 2022
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 28, 2021
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Markup By	May 11, 2022

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 129	Related bill	Jan 28, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## **First Responder Fair Return for Employees on Their Initial Retirement Earned Act or the First Responder Fair RETIRE Act**

This act allows disabled federal first responders (e.g., law enforcement officers, customs and border protection officers, and firefighters) to continue receiving federal retirement benefits in the same manner as though they had not been disabled.

Under current law, federal first responders are subject to a mandatory retirement age of 57. To facilitate this earlier retirement, federal first responders are required to pay a greater percentage of their salary towards retirement. Additionally, their annuity amount is calculated at a higher rate than other federal employees.

This act allows a federal first responder to remain in the accelerated retirement system if they are placed in another civil service position outside of that system after returning to work from a work-related injury or illness. Further, if such an employee is separated from service before they are entitled to receive an annuity, they may receive a refund of their accelerated contributions.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 9, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 9, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-225.
- **Dec 2, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 25, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 17, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 17, 2022:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6802; text: CR S6802)
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters without amendment. With written report No. 117-173.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 515.
- **Aug 3, 2022:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jul 13, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Jul 12, 2022:** Mrs. Maloney, Carolyn B. moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 12, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5955-5959)
- **Jul 12, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 521.
- **Jul 12, 2022:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jul 12, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5968-5969)
- **Jul 12, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 417 - 0 (Roll no. 301).
- **Jul 12, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 417 - 0 (Roll no. 301). (text: CR H5955-5957)
- **Jul 12, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 11, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 11, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), and Foreign Affairs, 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.