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BLAST Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Mar 2, 2021

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 2, 2021)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/546>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]

Party: Republican • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|-------------------------|---------------|------|-------------|
| Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL] | R · FL | | Mar 2, 2021 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Referred To | Mar 2, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 117 HR 7782 | Related bill | Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. |
| 117 HR 1412 | Related bill | Apr 28, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. |
| 117 HR 459 | Related bill | Mar 5, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. |
| 117 HR 470 | Related bill | Mar 5, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. |

Summary (as of Mar 2, 2021)

Banning Lobbying and Safeguarding Trust Act or the BLAST Act

This bill revises the post-employment lobbying ban on former Members and elected officers of Congress.

Specifically, it imposes a permanent ban on lobbying contacts by a former Senator (currently, a two-year ban), a former Member of the House of Representatives (currently, a one-year ban), or a former elected officer of the House or Senate (currently, a one-year ban).

Actions Timeline

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