

## HR 5633

### Department of Homeland Security Inspector General Transparency Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Oct 19, 2021

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Apr 6, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5633>

#### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]

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

#### Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor                     | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15] | D · CA        |      | Nov 18, 2021 |

#### Committee Activity

| Committee  | Chamber | Activity        | Date         |
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| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate  | Referred To     | Apr 6, 2022  |
| Homeland Security Committee                          | House   | Discharged from | Oct 26, 2021 |

#### Subjects & Policy Tags

##### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

#### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Department of Homeland Security Inspector General Transparency Act

This bill addresses reports conducted by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Specifically, the bill requires the OIG to submit to Congress any report finalized on or after 30 days after the enactment of this bill that substantiates

- a violation of specified provisions regarding prohibited personnel practices, protected communications, or retaliatory personnel actions;
- a violation of Presidential Personnel Directive-19 (protecting whistleblowers with access to classified information); or
- an allegation of misconduct, waste, fraud, abuse, or a violation of policy within DHS involving a member of the Senior Executive Service or politically appointed official of DHS.

The OIG must make each report publicly available on its website, with exceptions.

The bill requires the OIG's semiannual reports to include specified information regarding

- ongoing audits, inspections, and evaluations;
- significant changes to the narrative description of each such audit, inspection, or evaluation;
- certain delays; and
- data with respect to tips and complaints made to the OIG Hotline or otherwise referred to DHS.

The OIG must report within one year on the policies, procedures, and internal controls established that ensure compliance with the Quality Standards for Federal Offices of Inspector General from the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. The Government Accountability Office must evaluate such report within one year after receipt of the report.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 6, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Apr 5, 2022:** Mr. Payne moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 5, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4162-4164)
- **Apr 5, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5633.
- **Apr 5, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4162-4163)
- **Apr 5, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4162-4163)
- **Apr 5, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 21, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 117-233.
- **Jan 21, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 168.
- **Oct 26, 2021:** Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability Discharged.
- **Oct 26, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 26, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 20, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability.
- **Oct 19, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.