

## HR 567

### Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership Program Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Jan 28, 2021

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Jul 12, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/567>

#### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

#### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Feb 2, 2021
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Feb 3, 2021
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Feb 3, 2021
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Feb 15, 2021
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Feb 24, 2021
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Jun 29, 2021

#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Feb 25, 2021
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 12, 2021

#### Subjects & Policy Tags

##### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 615	Related bill	Mar 24, 2021: Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

## Summary (as of Jun 29, 2021)

### Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership Program Act of 2021

This bill provides statutory authority for the Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership Program, an interagency program launched in 2005 to partner with countries in the Sahel and Maghreb regions of Africa to counter terrorism and violent extremism.

The Department of State, in consultation with the Department of Defense and the U.S. Agency for International Development, shall establish the partnership program, which must coordinate all U.S. programs in North and West Africa related to various counterterrorism activities, such as building foreign-military capacity, enhancing border security, promoting youth employment, and supporting independent media to counter terrorist propaganda.

The State Department must submit comprehensive, five-year strategies that include specified activities for the Sahel and Maghreb regions and for program counterterrorism efforts. Further, program activities must, among other things (1) be carried out in countries where there is an adequate level of partner country commitment, and (2) have clearly defined outcomes and specific plans with indicators to regularly monitor and evaluate outcomes and impact. Such activities must also take into account the counterterrorism and development strategies of partner countries and align with such strategies to the extent possible.

The State Department shall notify Congress before obligating funds for such programs, and must submit annual reports about program activities.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jul 12, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Jun 29, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3262-3263)
- **Jun 29, 2021:** 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): 395 - 15 (Roll no. 192). (text: 06/28/2021 CR H3171-3173)
- **Jun 29, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 395 - 15 (Roll no. 192). (text: 06/28/2021 CR H3171-3173)
- **Jun 29, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 28, 2021:** Mr. Meeks moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 28, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3171-3174)
- **Jun 28, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 567.
- **Jun 28, 2021:** 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.
- **Feb 25, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 25, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.