

HR 5720

Courthouse Ethics and Transparency Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Law

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Current Status: Received in the Senate.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate. (Dec 2, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

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| Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-50] | R · CA | | Oct 25, 2021 |
| Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4] | D · GA | | Oct 25, 2021 |
| Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10] | D · NY | | Oct 25, 2021 |
| Rep. Roy, Chip [R-TX-21] | R · TX | | Oct 25, 2021 |
| Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18] | D · TX | | Nov 15, 2021 |
| Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5] | R · SC | | Nov 15, 2021 |
| Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29] | D · TX | | Nov 30, 2021 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Judiciary Committee | House | Reported By | Dec 1, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 S 3059 | Identical bill | May 13, 2022: Became Public Law No: 117-125. |

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This bill requires federal judicial officers to file periodic transaction reports disclosing certain securities transactions. The bill also requires online publication of judicial financial disclosure reports.

Specifically, the bill requires federal judicial officers to file reports within 45 days after a purchase, sale, or exchange that exceeds \$1,000 in stocks, bonds, commodities futures, and other forms of securities.

Additionally, the bill directs the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts to establish a searchable internet database of judicial financial disclosure reports. The office must, within 90 days of the date by which a report must be filed, make the report available on the database in a searchable, sortable, and downloadable format.

The bill does not require the immediate and unconditional availability of reports filed by a judicial officer or employee if the Judicial Conference finds that revealing personal and sensitive formation could endanger that individual or a family member of that individual.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 2, 2021:** Received in the Senate.
- **Dec 1, 2021:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 117-199.
- **Dec 1, 2021:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 143.
- **Dec 1, 2021:** Mr. Nadler moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 1, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules.
- **Dec 1, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5720.
- **Dec 1, 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.
- **Dec 1, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business.
- **Dec 1, 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): 422 - 4 (Roll No. 392).
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- **Dec 1, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 17, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 17, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 25, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 25, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.