

HR 5773

Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Gooden, Lance [R-TX-5]

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

Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Tiffany, Thomas P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Jul 7, 2022
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Jul 7, 2022
Rep. Boebert, Lauren [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Jul 7, 2022
Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Jul 7, 2022
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Jul 7, 2022
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Jul 7, 2022
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jul 7, 2022
Rep. Steil, Bryan [R-WI-1]	R · WI		Jul 12, 2022
Rep. Timmons, William R. IV [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Jul 12, 2022
Rep. Fitzgerald, Scott [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Jul 13, 2022
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Jul 19, 2022
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Aug 12, 2022
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Sep 29, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Law

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2079	Related bill	Jun 16, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S4592)

Summary (as of Oct 28, 2021)

Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2021

This bill prohibits the federal government from entering into or enforcing a settlement agreement on behalf of the United States that provides for a payment to any person or entity other than the United States. The bill provides exceptions to allow payments that (1) remedy actual harm (including to the environment) caused by the party making the payment, or (2) constitute a payment for services rendered in connection with the case.

Government officials or agents who violate this prohibition may be removed from office or required to forfeit to the government any money they hold for such purposes to which they may otherwise be entitled.

Agencies must report annually for seven years to the Congressional Budget Office about the parties, funding sources, and distribution of funds for their settlement agreements permitted by the exceptions in this bill. The Office of Inspector General for each agency must also report annually on any settlement agreements that violate the bill's requirements.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.
- **Oct 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 28, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.