

HR 6185

Bivens Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Nov 1, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]

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

Cosponsors (14 total)

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Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Dec 8, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Dec 8, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Dec 8, 2021
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Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Feb 22, 2022
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Jul 12, 2022

Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8794	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 S 3343	Identical bill	Dec 8, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Dec 8, 2021)

Bivens Act of 2021

This bill provides individuals with a statutory right to sue and recover damages from federal officials for violations of their constitutional rights.

Currently, individuals have a statutory right to bring such suits against state or local officials (e.g., law enforcement), commonly known as Section 1983 suits or Bivens actions. Although the statute does not explicitly authorize such suits against federal officials, the Supreme Court has found this right to be inferred from the Constitution in certain situations (e.g., Fourth Amendment violations committed by federal law enforcement officers).

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.