

HR 686

Security Clearance Review Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2021
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 2, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill imposes security-related requirements with respect to political appointees in the Executive Office of the President.

Under this bill, such a political appointee (1) may be employed in the office only if the appointment is clearly consistent with national security; and (2) may not have a security clearance or access to classified information unless the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) grants such clearance or access, unless the President nullifies the FBI's decision to deny clearance or access.

If the President nullifies the FBI's decision to deny clearance or access to such an appointee, the President must report to Congress within 30 days explaining the reasons for the nullification.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 22, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Feb 2, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 2, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.