

HR 7605

PAST Act of 2022

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: Apr 27, 2022

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform. (Apr 27, 2022)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 27, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4140	Identical bill	May 4, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of Apr 27, 2022)

Promoting Accountability and Security in Transitions Act of 2022 or the PAST Act of 2022

This bill revises requirements for preservation of presidential records and requires that information be made available to the next administration in a timely fashion.

Specifically, the bill (1) requires the President to receive written guidance from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) before destroying any records, (2) prohibits White House staff from using nonofficial electronic messaging accounts that cannot be easily copied or forwarded to official accounts, (3) establishes consequences for former Presidents who destroy presidential records, (4) requires former Presidents to cover the cost of digitizing records for display in a presidential library, and (5) requires NARA to ensure that newly inaugurated Presidents are granted easy access to national security information.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 27, 2022:** Introduced in House
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