

HR 8956

FedRAMP Authorization Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]

Party: Democratic • State: VA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (1 total)

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| Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1] | R · KY | | Sep 22, 2022 |

Committee Activity

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| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate | Referred To | Oct 11, 2022 |
| Oversight and Government Reform Committee | House | Referred To | Sep 22, 2022 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 HRES 1396 | Related bill | Sep 28, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. |
| 117 S 3099 | Related bill | May 24, 2022: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 383. |
| 117 S 3600 | Related bill | Mar 2, 2022: Held at the desk. |

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This bill provides statutory authority for the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) within the General Services Administration (GSA).

The GSA must establish a government-wide program that provides the authoritative standardized approach to security assessment and authorization for cloud computing products and services that process unclassified information used by agencies. Agencies must ensure that their cloud computing services meet GSA requirements.

The Government Accountability Office must report to Congress assessing

- the costs incurred by agencies and cloud service providers relating to the issuance of FedRAMP authorizations,
- the extent to which agencies have processes in place to continuously monitor the implementation of cloud computing products and services operating as federal information systems,
- how often and for which categories of products and services agencies use FedRAMP authorizations, and
- the unique costs and potential burdens incurred by cloud computing companies that are small business concerns as a part of the FedRAMP authorization process.

The bill establishes the Federal Secure Cloud Advisory Committee.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 11, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Sep 29, 2022:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1396, proceedings on H.R. 8956 are considered vacated.
- **Sep 29, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 10 of H. Res. 1396, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 1638, as amended; H.R. 3304, as amended; H.R. 4081, as amended; H.R. 4821, as amended; H.R. 6889, as amended; H.R. 6967, as amended; H.R. 8163, as amended; H.R. 8510, as amended; H.R. 8681, as amended; H.R. 8875, as amended; H.R. 8956; S. 1198; and agree to the Senate amendments to H.R. 5641.
- **Sep 29, 2022:** Pursuant to section 10 of H. Res. 1396, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 1638, as amended; H.R. 3304, as amended; H.R. 4081, as amended; H.R. 4821, as amended; H.R. 6889, as amended; H.R. 6967, as amended; H.R. 8163, as amended; H.R. 8510, as amended; H.R. 8681, as amended; H.R. 8875, as amended; H.R. 8956; S. 1198; and agree to the Senate amendments to H.R. 5641. (text: CR H8136-8139)
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Mrs. Maloney, Carolyn B. moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8136-8140)
- **Sep 28, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 8956.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** 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.
- **Sep 22, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 22, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.