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Ending Qualified Immunity Act

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Related Bills

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118 HR 2847	Related bill	Apr 25, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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This bill eliminates the defense of qualified immunity in certain civil actions for deprivation of rights. *Qualified immunity* is a judicially created doctrine that protects government officials from being held personally liable for constitutional violations.

The bill provides that, under the statute allowing a civil action alleging deprivation of rights under color of state law, it shall not be a defense to any such action that, at the time of the deprivation, (1) the defendant was acting in good faith or believed that his or her conduct was lawful; (2) the rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws were not clearly established; or (3) the state of the law was such that the defendant could not reasonably have been expected to know whether his or her conduct was lawful.

Actions Timeline

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