

HR 2847

Ending Qualified Immunity Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 25, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1196	Related bill	Apr 19, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Apr 25, 2023)

Ending Qualified Immunity Act

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 or immunity to any such action that (1) the defendant was acting in good faith or believed that his or her conduct was lawful at the time it was committed; (2) the rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution or federal laws were not clearly established at the time of their deprivation; 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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