

HR 5069

To amend title 5, United States Code, to require Federal political appointees to sign a binding ethics pledge, and for other purposes.

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: Jul 28, 2023

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

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability. (Jul 28, 2023)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 28, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 28, 2023)

This bill provides statutory authority for provisions of the executive order titled *Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Appointees*, which was issued on January 28, 2017, and was revoked on January 20, 2021, by President Donald J. Trump. The order required political appointees in the executive branch to sign an ethics pledge that restricted lobbying and related activities during and after government employment, including a prohibition on appointees lobbying their former agencies for five years post-employment.

On January 20, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. issued a new executive order titled *Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Personnel*, which requires appointees to sign an ethics pledge with both similar and different provisions. Among other differences, the order's pledge restricts appointees from accepting cash payments or non-cash benefits from former employers that are contingent on government employment (also known as *golden parachutes*).

Actions Timeline

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