

HR 581

DOCS Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the National Intelligence Enterprise. (Feb 27, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]

Party: Democratic • State: NY • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jan 26, 2023
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 27, 2023
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 26, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Defending Our Classified Secrets Act or the DOCS Act

This bill addresses the possession of classified materials by former elected federal officials.

Specifically, the bill requires an individual who formerly held an elected federal office to certify to the National Archives and Records Administration after leaving office that he or she does not possess any classified materials.

The bill establishes a civil penalty of up to \$100,000 for an individual who does not submit the required certification or who submits a certification that contains false information.

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence must ensure that there is established a mandatory procedure under which any classified material removed from a sensitive compartmented information facility shall be documented and tracked.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 27, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the National Intelligence Enterprise.
- **Jan 26, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 26, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Accountability, and House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.