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BLAST Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Jan 25, 2023

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jan 25, 2023)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/88>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]

Party: Republican • State: IN • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Jan 25, 2023
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Sep 25, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 25, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2486	Related bill	<b>Apr 6, 2023:</b> Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Rules, 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.
118 HR 507	Related bill	<b>Jan 25, 2023:</b> Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ethics, Rules, and Oversight and Accountability, 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.

## **Banning Lobbying and Safeguarding Trust Act or the BLAST Act**

This bill revises the post-employment lobbying ban on former Members and elected officers of Congress.

Specifically, it imposes a permanent ban on lobbying contacts by a former Senator (currently, a two-year ban), a former Member of the House of Representatives (currently, a one-year ban), or a former elected officer of the House or Senate (currently, a one-year ban).

## **Actions Timeline**

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