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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	Apr 6, 2023: 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	Jan 25, 2023: 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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- **Jan 25, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
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