

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 5790, with an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5790

To provide adequate protections for whistleblowers at the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2016

Mr. CHAFFETZ (for himself, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. POE of Texas, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. BLUM, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, and Mr. CUMMINGS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

To provide adequate protections for whistleblowers at the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Bureau of In-
5 vestigation Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of
6 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITED PERSONNEL PRACTICES IN THE FED-**
2 **ERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.**

3 Section 2303(a) of title 5, United States Code, is
4 amended by striking “any employee of the Bureau” and
5 all that follows through “health or safety” and inserting
6 the following: “an employee in, or applicant for, a position
7 in the Bureau as a reprisal for a disclosure of informa-
8 tion—

9 “(1) made—

10 “(A) in the case of an employee, to a su-
11 pervisor in the direct chain of command of the
12 employee, up to and including the head of the
13 employing agency;

14 “(B) to the Inspector General;

15 “(C) to the Office of Professional Respon-
16 sibility of the Department of Justice;

17 “(D) to the Office of Professional Respon-
18 sibility of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

19 “(E) to the Inspection Division of the Fed-
20 eral Bureau of Investigation;

21 “(F) as described in section 7211;

22 “(G) to the Office of Special Counsel; or

23 “(H) to an employee designated by any of-
24 ficer, employee, office, or division described in
25 subparagraphs (A) through (G) for the purpose
26 of receiving such disclosures; and

1 “(2) which the employee or applicant reason-
2 ably believes evidences—

3 “(A) any violation of any law, rule, or reg-
4 ulation; or

5 “(B) gross mismanagement, a gross waste
6 of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial
7 and specific danger to public health or safety”.