

The bill amending the Federal Act on the Protection of the Constitution, which was adopted by the German Bundestag on 10 June 2021, does not, in comparison with the current legal situation, provide for any changes to the statutory protection system for the press such as the protection of journalistic sources. Freedom of the press continues to enjoy special protection under Article 5 of the Basic Law. Journalists and editorial offices may not be investigated in their activities protected by freedom of the press, even with the new powers introduced by the bill amending the Federal Act on the Protection of the Constitution; their sources continue to be protected as before.