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Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Amendments Act of 2003

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Breaux, John B. [D-LA]	D · LA		Jan 29, 2003
Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]	R · OH		Jul 7, 2003
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 7, 2003
Sen. Voinovich, George V. [R-OH]	R · OH		Jul 7, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 26, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 3014	Related bill	<b>Dec 10, 2004:</b> Became Public Law No: 108-456.
108 HR 1856	Related bill	<b>Jul 8, 2004:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on August 26, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Amendments Act of 2003 - Amends the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to reauthorize and revise its provisions.

(Sec. 2) Makes permanent the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia (Task Force) (by repealing a provision which authorizes the President to disestablish it after it submits a specified plan).

(Sec. 3) Requires the President, in conjunction with State Governors, to develop and submit to Congress a Prediction and Response Plan to protect environmental and public health from impacts of harmful algal blooms. Requires the plan to be submitted to Congress within 12 months after enactment of this Act. Specifies plan, publication and Federal assistance requirements.

(Sec. 4) Requires the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the Task Force, to provide for local and regional assessments of hypoxia and harmful algal blooms, as requested by coastal States, Indian tribes, and local governments. Provides guidelines for such assessments.

Directs the Task Force to complete and submit to Congress scientific assessments of: (1) Great Lakes harmful algal blooms; and (2) hypoxia in U.S. coastal waters including the Great Lakes. Requires such hypoxia assessments to continue to be completed by the Task Force and submitted to Congress at least once every five years after the first one.

(Sec. 5) Extends the authorization of appropriations under the Act to the Secretary of Commerce for research, education, and monitoring activities related to the prevention, reduction, and control of harmful algal blooms and hypoxia. Allocates such funding among the following programs: (1) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) research and assessment activities at the research laboratories of the National Ocean Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service; (2) Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms (ECOHAB) project under the Coastal Ocean Program, with a certain portion to conduct the scientific assessment of Great Lakes harmful algal blooms; (3) NOAA's National Ocean Service to conduct peer-reviewed research on management measures that can be taken to prevent, reduce, control, and mitigate harmful algal blooms; (4) Federal and State annual monitoring and analysis activities for harmful algal blooms administered by the National Ocean Service; (5) activities related to research and monitoring on hypoxia by the National Ocean Service and NOAA's Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research; and (6) conducting of the Local and Regional Assessments (by the Secretary, in coordination with the Task Force).

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 29, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 29, 2003:** Received in the House.
- **Oct 29, 2003:** Held at the desk.
- **Oct 28, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S13420-13422; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S13420-13421)
- **Oct 28, 2003:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S13420-13422; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S13420-13421)
- **Aug 26, 2003:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator McCain under authority of the order of the Senate of 07/29/03 legislative day 07/21/03 with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 108-125.
- **Aug 26, 2003:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator McCain under authority of the order of the Senate of 07/29/03 legislative day 07/21/03 with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 108-125.
- **Aug 26, 2003:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 249.
- **Jun 19, 2003:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jan 29, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 29, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1750-1751)
- **Jan 29, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1751-1852)