

S 2843

A bill to provide emergency supplemental appropriations to address the Zika crisis.

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (35 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 21, 2016
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 21, 2016
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 21, 2016
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 21, 2016
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Apr 21, 2016
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 21, 2016
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 21, 2016
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Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Apr 26, 2016
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 26, 2016
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Apr 26, 2016
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Apr 26, 2016
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Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 26, 2016
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 26, 2016
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 27, 2016
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 27, 2016
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 27, 2016
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 27, 2016
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 27, 2016
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 27, 2016
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 27, 2016
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 28, 2016
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Apr 28, 2016
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Apr 28, 2016
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Apr 28, 2016
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Apr 28, 2016
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 28, 2016
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 28, 2016
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 9, 2016
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 9, 2016
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		May 9, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 21, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6040	Related bill	Sep 15, 2016: Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.
114 HR 5044	Related bill	Jun 21, 2016: Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Mrs. Lowey. Petition No: 114-5. (http://clerk.house.gov/114/lrc/pd/petitions/DisPet0005.xml)>Discharge petition text with signatures.)

Summary (as of Apr 21, 2016)

This bill provides FY2016 emergency supplemental appropriations to the Departments of State and Health and Human Services (HHS) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Zika virus and other infectious diseases.

The bill specifies permissible uses for the funds and designates the funds as an emergency requirement, which exempts the funds from discretionary spending limits.

The bill provides appropriations to HHS for:

- the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
- the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund,
- the National Institutes of Health, and
- the Food and Drug Administration.

The bill amends the Public Health Service Act to permit Project BioShield to be used to support the advanced development and procurement of medical countermeasures to diagnose, mitigate, prevent, or treat harm from any infectious disease that may pose a threat to the public health. (Under current law, Project BioShield supports only countermeasures against specific chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear terrorist threats.)

The bill temporarily increases from 55% to 65% the Medicaid Federal Medical Assistance Percentage in the territories (Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands).

The bill provides appropriations to the Department of State and Other International Programs for:

- the Administration of Foreign Affairs,
- Global Health Programs,
- International Security Assistance,
- Multilateral Assistance, and
- the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Unobligated balances of specified funds provided for the Ebola virus may be used to respond to the Zika virus and other infectious diseases.

Actions Timeline

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