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American Cures Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]

Party: Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2015
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jan 28, 2015
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 28, 2015
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jan 28, 2015
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 28, 2015
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Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 28, 2015
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jan 28, 2015
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 4, 2015
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 25, 2015
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 1, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 28, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2104	Identical bill	Aug 13, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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This bill amends the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to require certain adjustments to discretionary spending limits in FY2016-FY2021 to accommodate increases in appropriations for agencies that perform biomedical research. Adjustments are required for the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention, the Department of Defense health program, and the Department of Veterans Affairs medical and prosthetics research program.

The bill also requires annual appropriations for each of the programs and agencies referenced in this bill to be at least the amount appropriated in FY2015.

The bill exempts appropriations provided pursuant to this bill from sequestration. Sequestration is a process of automatic, usually across-the-board spending reductions under which budgetary resources are permanently cancelled to enforce specific budget policy goals.

Actions Timeline

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