

HR 5812

CONNECTIONS Act

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: May 15, 2018

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jun 13, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]

Party: Republican • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		May 15, 2018
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		May 15, 2018
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		May 17, 2018
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		May 23, 2018
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		May 25, 2018
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		May 25, 2018
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		May 29, 2018
Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Jun 8, 2018
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Jun 12, 2018
Rep. Jenkins, Evan H. [R-WV-3]	R · WV		Jun 12, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Markup By	May 17, 2018
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 13, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6	Related bill	Oct 24, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-271.
115 HRES 1099	Related bill	Sep 28, 2018: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Creating Opportunities that Necessitate New and Enhanced Connections That Improve Opioid Navigation Strategies Act of 2018 or the CONNECTIONS Act

This bill authorizes the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to provide technical assistance and award grants in order to: (1) improve the efficiency and use of state prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs), achieve community or health system interventions relating to controlled substances (e.g., prescription guidelines), and promote new approaches to responding to emerging public health crises; and (2) improve the timeliness, comprehensiveness, and usefulness of reported overdose data.

The bill also amends the Public Health Service Act to alter requirements relating to PDMPs. Among other changes, the bill: (1) repeals requirements regarding grant formulas, database standards, and authorized data disclosures; and (2) authorizes federal support for specific improvements regarding use, data reporting, and intrastate and interstate interoperability. The Department of Health and Human Services must report on the progress of states in implementing PDMPs that are consistent with such improvements.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 13, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Jun 12, 2018:** Mr. Walden moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 12, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5071-5074)
- **Jun 12, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5812.
- **Jun 12, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5071-5073)
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- **Jun 12, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 17, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 17, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **May 15, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **May 15, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.