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American Cures Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 15, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 15, 2017)

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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 FY2017-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 for FY2016.

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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