

## S 2308

Patients First Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Jul 29, 2019
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Jul 29, 2019
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Jul 29, 2019
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jul 29, 2019
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Jul 29, 2019
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Jul 29, 2019
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Jul 29, 2019
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Jul 29, 2019
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Jul 31, 2019

### Committee Activity

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Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 29, 2019

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### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 64	Related bill	<b>Jan 25, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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This bill requires the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to support stem cell research. Specifically, the NIH must conduct and support basic and applied research to develop techniques for the isolation, derivation, production, testing, and human clinical use of stem cells that may result in improved understanding of, or treatments for, diseases and other adverse health conditions. However, such techniques must not involve (1) the creation of a human embryo for research purposes; (2) the destruction or discarding of, or risk of injury to, a human embryo; or (3) the use of any stem cell the derivation or provision of which would be inconsistent with this bill.

The NIH must also report on peer-reviewed stem cell research proposals that were not funded.

## **Actions Timeline**

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