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National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2020

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]
Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Nov 6, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Nov 6, 2019
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Nov 6, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 8, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2831	Related bill	**Nov 12, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
116 HR 1029	Related bill	**Feb 12, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics.
116 S 381	Related bill	**Feb 7, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of Dec 18, 2020)

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This bill reauthorizes the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for FY2021. The bill provides for continued use of the International Space Station through 2030 and authorizes NASA programs and activities, including a rocket engine test infrastructure program, a low-Earth orbit commercialization program, a Lunar Discovery Program for lunar science research, a 21st Century Aeronautics Capabilities Initiative, a Skilled Technical Education Outreach Program for secondary school students, and a 21st Century Space Launch Infrastructure Program.

NASA shall establish the Planetary Defense Coordination Office to implement a program for surveying threats posed by near-Earth objects equal to or greater than 140 meters in diameter.

NASA shall also continue providing opportunities for formal and informal STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, including computer science) education engagement activities, including under the Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR).

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 21, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 21, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 20, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 18, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7650-7682; text: CR S7651-7666)
- **Dec 18, 2020:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 18, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 18, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S7666-7682)
- **Sep 8, 2020:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 116-262.
- **Sep 8, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 525.
- **Nov 13, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Nov 6, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 6, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.