

## HR 2922

Respond NOW Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	May 22, 2019
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	May 22, 2019
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 23, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 26, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 22, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 22, 2019)

Respond to the Needs in the Opioid War Act or the Respond NOW Act

This bill establishes the Opioid Epidemic Response Fund through FY2024 to fund programs and activities addressing the opioid and substance use epidemic, including

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration demonstration grants;
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention surveillance, prevention, and treatment programs;
- Food and Drug Administration support of innovation in non-opioid and nonaddictive medical products for pain treatment;
- National Institutes of Health research on creating longer-lasting or faster-acting antidotes for opioid overdoses;
- Health Resources and Services Administration efforts to increase the availability and capacity of the behavioral health workforce; and
- Administration for Children and Families programs for child abuse prevention and treatment.

The bill also

- extends funding through FY2024 for programs to help states and tribal organizations address substance use prevention and treatment,
- allows a practitioner to dispense narcotic drugs for maintenance treatment or detoxification treatment to an increased number of patients under specified conditions, and
- includes methadone treatment in Medicare coverage.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 26, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **May 23, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 22, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 22, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ways and Means, the Budget, and Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **May 22, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.