

S 4231

Preparing for the Next Pandemic Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]

Party: Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Jul 29, 2020
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 29, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 20, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4775	Related bill	Oct 1, 2020: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 564.
116 S 4322	Related bill	Jul 27, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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This bill provides funding to the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) for activities to expand domestic manufacturing of medical countermeasures and to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response for grants to establish state stockpiles of medical supplies for use during public health emergencies. These funds are designated as an emergency requirement, which exempts them from discretionary spending limits and other budget enforcement rules.

The bill also makes other changes to BARDA's authorities and duties with respect to countermeasures and the administration of the Strategic National Stockpile.

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