

## HR 5727

RESEARCH Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jan 30, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. (Jan 30, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Feb 11, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Research Empirical Solutions to End Ambulance Reversals from Closed Hospitals Act of 2020 or the RESEARCH Act of 2020**

This bill requires certain reporting and research activities related to ambulance diversions (i.e., temporary closures of a hospital emergency department to incoming ambulances).

Specifically, Medicare-participating hospitals that divert ambulances from their emergency departments must report to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on (1) the length of the diversion, (2) the reason for the diversion, and (3) the number of ambulance calls turned away while the diversion was in effect. Hospitals that comply with the reporting requirements receive increased Medicare payments until 2024. Beginning in 2025, hospitals that fail to report receive reduced Medicare payments.

In addition, the National Academy of Medicine must conduct a study and provide recommendations to mitigate the occurrence of ambulance diversions and improve the health and safety of patients affected by ambulance diversions.

### **Actions Timeline**

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