

HR 7496

COVID PREPARE Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]

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

Cosponsors (31 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brindisi, Anthony [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Jul 6, 2020
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Jul 6, 2020
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Jul 6, 2020
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Jul 6, 2020
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Jul 6, 2020
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Jul 6, 2020
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jul 6, 2020
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Jul 6, 2020
Rep. Rose, Max [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Jul 6, 2020
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Jul 6, 2020
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Jul 6, 2020
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jul 9, 2020
Rep. Mucarsel-Powell, Debbie [D-FL-26]	D · FL		Jul 9, 2020
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Jul 21, 2020
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jul 21, 2020
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Jul 22, 2020
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Jul 22, 2020
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Jul 29, 2020
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Aug 11, 2020
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Aug 14, 2020
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]	D · CA		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Torres Small, Xochitl [D-NM-2]	D · NM		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Sep 4, 2020
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Sep 4, 2020
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Sep 4, 2020
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Sep 17, 2020
Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Sep 29, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 1, 2020
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Markup By	Sep 16, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 30, 2020)

COVID Preparedness, Response, and Effective Planning for Advanced Requirements by the Executive Branch Act of 2020 or the COVID PREPARE Act of 2020

This bill requires federal agencies to submit to Congress plans for responding to any resurgence of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

Specifically, each agency shall submit (1) an initial report detailing an action plan, informed by research and best practices learned from the onset of COVID-19 and previous presidentially declared emergencies, for addressing the needs and mitigating and eliminating the risks and challenges associated with any resurgence in COVID-19 cases; and (2) subsequent reports, on a quarterly basis until the President ends the declared emergency, that update the details submitted in the plan.

The initial report shall include

- agency priorities for preparing for and responding to any resurgence;
- measurable goals specific to priorities and a time line for addressing each priority;
- anticipated challenges to addressing priorities and how the agency will address such challenges;
- how the agency will consult with Congress, the public, state and municipal governments, and relevant stakeholders while working remotely; and
- how the agency plans to issue relevant guidance to entities under the jurisdiction of the agency.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 1, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Mr. Connolly moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5075-5077)
- **Sep 30, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 7496.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5075)
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 16, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 16, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 22, 2020:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H3620)
- **Jul 6, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 6, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.