

HR 8205

ETHIC Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States. (Sep 16, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Sep 11, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 11, 2020
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 16, 2020
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 11, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5321	Related bill	Dec 5, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 S 1793	Related bill	Jun 12, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S3365)

Ensuring Transparent Honest Information on COVID-19 Act or the ETHIC Act

This bill retroactively requires states and other jurisdictions to report specified COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) data to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a condition of receiving certain COVID-19 funding. It also directs the CDC and others to take additional actions to address public health data systems, public health infrastructure, and health disparities.

Specifically, the bill directs the CDC to improve its data systems, develop relevant data and technology systems, and expand its public health infrastructure. The CDC must also award grants to government health departments to modernize their data systems, infrastructure, and collection of health disparities data.

Furthermore, the Department of Health and Human Services must commission a study from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on public health data infrastructure, and the Indian Health Service must, as advised by a panel of tribal representatives, conduct research on health inequities among tribal populations, including inequities related to COVID-19.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 16, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Sep 11, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 11, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Oversight and Reform, 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.