

## HR 8811

COVID–19 Data Accuracy Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred To | Nov 24, 2020 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action                                                                                                                    |
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| 116 S 4328 | Related bill | <b>Jul 27, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text: CR S4507-4508) |

## **COVID-19 Data Accuracy Act**

This bill directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to initiate an inquiry within seven days and report on the impact of certain changes to hospital reporting requirements for COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) on data quality, transparency, and access. The White House's Coronavirus Task Force revised the process for hospitals to report COVID-19 data on July 13, 2020; previously, hospitals reported data to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) instead of to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

To facilitate the inquiry, HHS must provide the GAO with direct access to relevant information systems. The GAO must present its findings within 45 days, and HHS must then respond to the findings and rectify any issues identified within 7 days.

HHS must also, in coordination with the CDC, develop a process within 30 days to correct inaccuracies in the COVID-19 data.

In addition, the GAO must issue reports that address, for example, the impact of the changes to reporting requirements on federal and nonfederal entities, such as hospitals, states, and other jurisdictions, and information about how the decision to change those requirements was made.

## **Actions Timeline**

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