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Right to Test Act

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Feb 2, 2021)
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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]
Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Feb 23, 2021
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 2, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 719	Identical bill	**Feb 3, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Feb 2, 2021)

Right to Test Act

This bill authorizes a state's public health department, or another entity designated by the state's governor, to approve a diagnostic test or diagnostic device (e.g., a test for the virus that causes COVID-19, or coronavirus disease 2019) for use during a public health emergency.

Unless requested by the governor of the state, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) must not, during the emergency, engage in certain enforcement actions related to such a test or device.

Not later than 180 days following the end of the public health emergency, the FDA must review and make a final determination concerning approval of the test or device.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 2, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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