

HR 5988

FAUCI Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Nov 17, 2021)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 17, 2021
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 16, 2021
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 16, 2021
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 16, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3159	Identical bill	Nov 3, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Fairness and Accountability in Underwriting Chinese Institutions Act or the FAUCI Act

This bill prohibits making any federal funding available to laboratories or research institutions in China for gain-of-function research. The President may waive this prohibition for national security interests. (Under the bill, gain-of-function research generally involves the enhancement of potential pandemic pathogens or related risky research with potentially dangerous pathogens.)

Furthermore, if the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services determines that a National Institutes of Health official, employee, or grantee has intentionally misled or omitted information in a relevant disclosure (e.g., to Congress) about federal funding for international gain-of-function research, such a person shall be ineligible for any federal funding or federal employment.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 17, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 16, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 16, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Oversight and Reform, and Foreign Affairs, 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.