

HR 6321

Answer COVID FOIAs Now Act

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Chamber: House

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Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Dec 16, 2021
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Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Dec 16, 2021
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Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Dec 16, 2021
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Dec 16, 2021
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Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Mar 28, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 16, 2021
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 16, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill addresses pending Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests related to COVID-19.

Specifically, the bill requires each federal agency, within 100 calendar days, to complete all pending FOIA requests related to a drug or medical device to prevent, diagnose, mitigate, or treat COVID-19; gain-of-function or potential pandemic pathogen research; or a policy, rule, or standard requiring COVID-19 vaccination of individuals.

For each calendar day on which any applicable FOIA request remains pending, the Department of the Treasury must transfer \$1 million from the appropriations account of the office of the head of the agency to the Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program of the Health Resources and Services Administration.

A person submitting such a request shall be deemed to have demonstrated a compelling need for expedited processing.

Actions Timeline

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