

## S 961

American Innovation Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 24, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 24, 2021
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 24, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 24, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 20, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 24, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2140	Identical bill	<b>Mar 23, 2021:</b> Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and the Budget, 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.

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This bill provides permanent funding for

- the National Science Foundation,
- the Office of Science at the Department of Energy,
- the Department of Defense science and technology programs,
- the scientific and technical research and services of the National Institute of Standards and Technology at the Department of Commerce, and
- the Science Mission Directorate at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

The bill exempts such funding from being sequestered under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act.

## Actions Timeline

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