

S 1280

TRANQ Research Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]

Party: Republican • State: TX • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Apr 25, 2023
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		May 31, 2023
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		May 31, 2023
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Jun 13, 2023
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 13, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 13, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Testing, Rapid Analysis, and Narcotic Quality Research Act of 2023 or the TRANQ Research Act of 2023

This bill requires the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to support research and other activities related to identifying xylazine (a compound used in veterinary medicine as a nonopioid tranquilizer), novel synthetic opioids, and other new psychoactive substances.

In particular, NIST must support

- basic measurement science and research, including graduate and postgraduate research;
- near-real time spectrometry capabilities (i.e., a technique for rapidly identifying the chemical composition of a substance);
- strategies and voluntary best practices for handling, transporting, and analyzing such substances; and
- collaboration with other government agencies, institutions of higher education, and the private sector to enhance relevant narcotic and opioid detection and analysis capabilities.

The Government Accountability Office must evaluate the capability of the federal government to respond to the threats posed by new psychoactive substances like xylazine, including with respect to available technology and laboratories.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 13, 2023:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Cantwell with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Dec 13, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 286.
- **May 10, 2023:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 25, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 25, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.