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Gene Synthesis Safety and Security Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 18, 2023

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
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Summary (as of Jul 18, 2023)

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This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to update guidance to address the potential misuse of gene synthesis products (i.e., manufactured genetic products) to obtain biological agents or toxins of concern.

The guidance must include recommendations relating to screening protocols, recordkeeping, technological safeguards, and other specified information. HHS must evaluate the current landscape of gene synthesis manufacturers and related technology to inform the guidance. HHS must also solicit public input to develop a list of genetic sequences of concern.

## Actions Timeline

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