

## HR 4000

CCP Virus Reimbursement For States Act of 2023

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Santos, George [R-NY-3]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 12, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

International Affairs

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **CCP Virus Reimbursement For States Act of 2023**

This bill authorizes states to sue the Chinese government for harm suffered as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill specifies that the actionable harms for which a state may seek damages include, but are not limited to, expenditures such as overtime wages paid to frontline workers, vaccine or medical equipment purchases, and research and development costs.

Such a case must be brought in a U.S. district court. If the Chinese government fails to pay a judgment to a state within one year, the state may obtain a court order directing the federal government to pay the amount owed. If the federal government is ordered to pay the judgment, the federal government must deduct an equivalent amount from (1) any interest or debt owed by the United States to China, or (2) any amounts made available to provide U.S. assistance to China.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 15, 2023:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2953-2955)
- **Jun 12, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 12, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.