

## S 588

### COVID Act of 2023

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Mar 1, 2023)

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Mar 1, 2023
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Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 1, 2023
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Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 1, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 1, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

## Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Mar 1, 2023)

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#### **Coronavirus Origin Validation, Investigation, and Determination Act of 2023 or the COVID Act of 2023**

This bill requires the President to impose sanctions and take other actions related to COVID-19 if certain conditions are not met.

Specifically, if the President is unable to certify within 90 days of this bill's enactment that China's government has allowed a transparent international forensic investigation into the origins of COVID-19 at certain laboratories in the city of Wuhan, the President must impose visa- and property-blocking sanctions against (1) individuals with leadership positions in the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS); and (2) officials of the Chinese Communist Party, China's military, or China's State Council who were involved in concealing or restricting information about the initial COVID-19 outbreak in China.

If the certification cannot be made, the President must also (1) prohibit federal funding for collaborative projects between U.S.-based researchers and CAS researchers in any academic field, and (2) prohibit U.S.-based researchers and institutions that receive federal funding from engaging in certain research on viruses with individuals or institutions based in China.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 1, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
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