

HR 8333

BIOSECURE Act

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Sponsor

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Rep. Davis, Donald G. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		May 10, 2024
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		May 10, 2024
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-16]	D · CA		May 10, 2024
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		May 10, 2024
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-2]	R · MI		May 10, 2024
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		May 10, 2024
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		May 10, 2024
Rep. Hinson, Ashley [R-IA-2]	R · IA		May 14, 2024
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-7]	D · MI		May 14, 2024
Rep. Bice, Stephanie I. [R-OK-5]	R · OK		May 21, 2024
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		May 21, 2024
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Jul 8, 2024
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jul 8, 2024
Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Sep 9, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 10, 2024
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	May 10, 2024
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Markup By	May 15, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 3558	Related bill	Sep 23, 2024: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 521.

Summary (as of May 10, 2024)

BIOSECURE Act

This bill prohibits entities that receive federal funds from using biotechnology that is from a company associated with a foreign adversary.

Specifically, federal agencies and recipients of federal funds (e.g., grantees) may not procure or use any biotechnology equipment or service that is from a biotechnology company of concern and may not contract with any entities that do so. A *biotechnology company of concern* is an entity that is under the control of a foreign adversary and that poses a risk to national security based on its research or multiomic data collection (e.g., collection of genomic information).

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) must, in coordination with the Department of Defense (DOD) and other specified agencies, develop a list of prohibited companies; the list must include five particular companies, as specified in the bill. OMB and DOD may approve waivers of these restrictions on an as-needed basis, which are valid for up to one year and may be extended once for an additional 180 days.

In addition, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence must report on the national security risks posed by (1) multiomic data collection by foreign adversaries in connection with biotechnology equipment or services, and (2) biotechnology companies that have such data.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 10, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Sep 9, 2024:** Mr. Comer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 9, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5051-5058)
- **Sep 9, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 8333.
- **Sep 9, 2024:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Sep 9, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5081-5082)
- **Sep 9, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 306 - 81 (Roll no. 402). (text: CR H5051-5052)
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- **Sep 9, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 15, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **May 15, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by the Yeas and Nays: 40 - 1.
- **May 10, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **May 10, 2024:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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.