

S 3166

Returning Unspent COVID Funds Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Nov 7, 2025
Sen. Ricketts, Pete [R-NE]	R · NE		Dec 8, 2025
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Jan 13, 2026

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill rescinds certain unobligated funds that were provided to address COVID-19 and requires the funds to be used for deficit reduction.

Specifically, the bill rescinds unobligated funds that were provided by

- the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021;
- Divisions M and N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021;
- the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act;
- the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act);
- the Families First Coronavirus Response Act; and
- the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020.

Funds rescinded by this bill must remain in the Treasury to be used for the sole purpose of deficit reduction.

The bill allows the President to waive the required rescission for an account or program if a notice waiving the rescission for the account or program is submitted to the House Budget Committee and the Senate Finance Committee no later than 60 days after the enactment of this bill.

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