

## S 4494

American Cures Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations. (text: CR S2239)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 12, 2026

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **American Cures Act**

This bill permanently funds several federal agencies and programs that perform biomedical research.

The bill provides specified funding for

- the National Institutes of Health,
- the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
- the Department of Defense health program, and
- the Department of Veterans Affairs medical and prosthetics research program.

The bill exempts the funding from sequestration, which is a process of automatic, usually across-the-board spending reductions under which budgetary resources are permanently cancelled to enforce specific budget policy goals.

It also exempts the budgetary effects of the funding from the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) Act of 2010 and the Senate PAYGO rule.

## **Actions Timeline**

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