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Alternatives to PAIN Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (34 total)

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Sen. Banks, Jim [R-IN]	R · IN		Feb 6, 2025
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 6, 2025
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 6, 2025
Sen. Britt, Katie Boyd [R-AL]	R · AL		Feb 6, 2025
Sen. Budd, Ted [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 6, 2025
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Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Feb 6, 2025
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 6, 2025
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Feb 6, 2025
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 6, 2025
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2025
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 6, 2025
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 6, 2025
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 20, 2025
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Feb 20, 2025
Sen. Justice, James C. [R-WV]	R · WV		Mar 12, 2025
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 12, 2025
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Apr 9, 2025
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Apr 9, 2025
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Apr 10, 2025
Sen. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Apr 10, 2025
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jun 10, 2025
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Jun 10, 2025
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 7, 2025
Sen. Sheehy, Tim [R-MT]	R · MT		Oct 7, 2025
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Nov 19, 2025
Sen. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA]	D · CA		Dec 1, 2025
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 3, 2026
Sen. Husted, Jon [R-OH]	R · OH		Feb 3, 2026
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 19, 2026
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Mar 19, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 6, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 1227	Related bill	Feb 12, 2025: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.

Summary (as of Feb 6, 2025)

Alternatives to Prevent Addiction In the Nation Act or the Alternatives to PAIN Act

This bill reduces cost-sharing and prohibits the imposition of certain utilization requirements under the Medicare prescription drug benefit for certain non-opioid pain management drugs.

Specifically, the bill requires such drugs to be covered without a deductible and to be placed on the lowest cost-sharing tier (if any). The bill also prohibits the imposition of prior authorization requirements (i.e., requiring prior approval from a plan) or step therapy requirements (i.e., requiring the use of alternative drugs before a drug is covered under a plan) with respect to such drugs.

