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National Plan for Epilepsy Act

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Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 17, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 10, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 1189	Identical bill	Feb 11, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Summary (as of Feb 10, 2025)

National Plan for Epilepsy Act

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a national plan, form an advisory council, and take other actions to address epilepsy. The requirements sunset on December 31, 2035.

Specifically, the bill requires HHS to carry out a National Plan for Epilepsy to prevent, diagnose, treat, and cure epilepsy. In carrying out the plan, HHS must implement activities such as coordinating research and services across all federal agencies and soliciting public comments.

Also, HHS must establish an Advisory Council on Epilepsy Research, Care, and Services. The advisory council must report to HHS and Congress every two years with an evaluation of federally funded efforts.

Additionally, HHS must annually report to Congress with recommended actions based on its assessments of the nation's progress on epilepsy.

