

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 5442

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to submit to Congress a report on actions taken by the Secretary to ensure compliance with disclosure requirements relating to foreign influence.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Mr. CURTIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Fix Nondisclosure of  
5       Influence in Health Research Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON PROGRESS TO ADDRESS UNDUE FOR-**  
2 **EIGN INFLUENCE.**

3 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
4 of this Act and annually thereafter, the Secretary of  
5 Health and Human Services shall prepare and submit to  
6 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House  
7 of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Edu-  
8 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, in a manner  
9 that does not compromise national security, a report on  
10 actions taken by the Secretary—

11 (1) to address cases of noncompliance with dis-  
12 closure requirements or research misconduct related  
13 to foreign influence, including—

14 (A) the number of potential noncompliance  
15 cases investigated by the National Institutes of  
16 Health or reported to the National Institutes of  
17 Health by a research institution, including re-  
18 lating to undisclosed research support, undis-  
19 closed conflicts of interest or other conflicts of  
20 commitment, and peer review violations;

21 (B) the number of cases referred to the  
22 Office of Inspector General of the Department  
23 of Health and Human Services, the Office of  
24 National Security of the Department of Health  
25 and Human Services, the Federal Bureau of In-  
26 vestigation, or other law enforcement agencies;

1                   (C) a description of enforcement actions  
2                   taken for noncompliance related to undue for-  
3                   eign influence; and

4                   (D) any other relevant information; and  
5                   (2) to prevent, address, and mitigate instances  
6                   of noncompliance with disclosure requirements or re-  
7                   search misconduct related to foreign influence.

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