

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To replace the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases with  
3 separate national research institutes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to  
the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To replace the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious  
Diseases with 3 separate national research institutes.

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 “NIH Reform Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DIVISION OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY**  
6 **AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES.**

7 (a) ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTI-  
8 TUTES.—Section 401 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
9 U.S.C. 281) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (6), by striking “Allergy  
2 and Infectious Diseases” and inserting “Aller-  
3 gic Diseases”;

4 (B) by redesignating paragraph (25) as  
5 paragraph (27); and

6 (C) by inserting after paragraph (24) the  
7 following:

8 “(25) The National Institute of Infectious Dis-  
9 eases.

10 “(26) The National Institute of Immunologic  
11 Diseases.”; and

12 (2) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “27” and  
13 inserting “29”.

14 (b) APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 405(a)(1) of the  
16 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 284(a)(1)) is  
17 amended—

18 (A) by inserting “, the Director of the Na-  
19 tional Institute of Allergic Diseases, the Direc-  
20 tor of the National Institute of Infectious Dis-  
21 eases, and the Director of the National Insti-  
22 tute of Immunologic Diseases” after “National  
23 Cancer Institute”; and

1           (B) by inserting “by and with the advice  
2           and consent of the Senate,” after “the Presi-  
3           dent,”.

4           (2) TERMS.—Section 405(a) of the Public  
5           Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 284(a)) is amended  
6           by adding at the end the following:

7           “(4) CERTAIN APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESI-  
8           DENT.—The appointments by the President of the  
9           Director of the National Institute of Allergic Dis-  
10          eases, the Director of the National Institute of In-  
11          fectious Diseases, and the Director of the National  
12          Institute of Immunologic Diseases shall be for terms  
13          of 5 years. Each such Director may be reappointed  
14          for not more than 1 additional term, in accordance  
15          paragraph (1).”.

16          (3) TRANSITION.—Effective on the date of en-  
17          actment of this Act, the position of Director of the  
18          National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases  
19          is terminated, and the National Institute of Allergic  
20          Diseases, the National Institute of Infectious Dis-  
21          eases, and the National Institute of Immunologic  
22          Diseases shall be overseen by the Director of the  
23          National Institutes of Health until such time as the  
24          directors of each such national institutes is ap-  
25          pointed pursuant to section 405(a)(1) of the Public

1 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 284(a)(1)), as  
2 amended by paragraph (1).

3 (c) DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES.—

4 (1) NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGIC DIS-  
5 EASES.—Subpart 6 of part C of title IV of the Pub-  
6 lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285f et seq.) is  
7 amended—

8 (A) in the subpart heading, by striking  
9 **“Allergy and Infectious Diseases”** and  
10 inserting **“Allergic Diseases”**; and

11 (B) in section 446—

12 (i) by striking “Allergy and Infectious  
13 Diseases” and inserting “Allergic Dis-  
14 eases”; and

15 (ii) by striking “allergic and  
16 immunologic diseases and disorders and in-  
17 fectionous diseases, including tropical dis-  
18 eases” and inserting “allergic diseases and  
19 disorders”.

20 (2) NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INFECTIOUS DIS-  
21 EASES.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—Part C of title IV of  
23 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285  
24 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the  
25 following:

1           **“Subpart 21—National Institute of Infectious**  
2   **Diseases**

3   **“SEC. 464z-10. PURPOSE OF THE INSTITUTE.**

4           “The general purpose of the National Institute of In-  
5   fectious Diseases is the conduct and support of research,  
6   training, health information dissemination, and other pro-  
7   grams with respect to infectious diseases, including trop-  
8   ical diseases.”.

9                           (B) TRANSFER OF AUTHORITIES.—Sec-  
10                          tions 447A and 447B of the Public Health  
11                          Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285f-2; 285f-3) are—

12   (i) redesignated as sections 464z-11  
13   and 464z-12, respectively; and

14   (ii) transferred to appear after section  
15   464z-10 of such Act, as added by subpara-  
16   graph (A).

17                           (C) ORDERLY TRANSITION.—The Director  
18                          of the National Institutes of Health shall take  
19                          such steps as are necessary to provide for the  
20                          orderly transition to the authority of the Na-  
21                          tional Institute of Infectious Diseases estab-  
22                          lished under section 464z-10 of the Public  
23                          Health Service Act, as added by subparagraph  
24                          (A), from any authority related to infectious  
25                          diseases of the National Institute of Allergy and

1 Infectious Diseases, as in effect on the day be-  
2 fore the date of enactment of this Act.

3 (3) NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF IMMUNOLOGIC  
4 DISEASES.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—Part C of title IV of  
6 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285  
7 et seq.), as amended by paragraph (2), is fur-  
8 ther amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 **“Subpart 22—National Institute of Immunologic**  
11 **Diseases**

12 **“SEC. 464z-15. PURPOSE OF THE INSTITUTE.**

13 “The general purpose of the National Institute of  
14 Immunologic Diseases is the conduct and support of re-  
15 search, training, health information dissemination, and  
16 other programs with respect to immunologic diseases and  
17 disorders.”.

18 (B) TRANSFER OF AUTHORITIES.—Sec-  
19 tions 447 and 447C of the Public Health Serv-  
20 ice Act (42 U.S.C. 285f-1; 285f-4) are—

21 (i) redesignated as sections 464z-16  
22 and 464z-17, respectively; and

23 (ii) transferred to appear after section  
24 464z-15 of such Act, as added by subpara-  
25 graph (A).

1           (C) ORDERLY TRANSITION.—The Director  
2           of the National Institutes of Health shall take  
3           such steps as are necessary to provide for the  
4           orderly transition to the authority of the Na-  
5           tional Institute of Immunologic Diseases estab-  
6           lished under section 464z-15 of the Public  
7           Health Service Act, as added by subparagraph  
8           (A), from any authority related to immunologic  
9           diseases and disorders of the National Institute  
10          of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, as in effect  
11          on the day before the date of enactment of this  
12          Act.

13       (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

14           (1) Section 404B of the Public Health Service  
15          Act (42 U.S.C. 283d) is amended by striking “Na-  
16          tional Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases”  
17          and inserting “National Institute for Infectious Dis-  
18          eases”.

19           (2) Section 404I of the Public Health Service  
20          Act (42 U.S.C. 283k) is amended—

21           (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “or  
22          the Director of the National Institute for Al-  
23          lergy and Infectious Diseases”; and

1 (B by striking “or the National Institute  
2 for Allergy and Infectious Diseases” each place  
3 it appears.

4 (3) Section 442A(a) of the Public Health Serv-  
5 ice Act (42 U.S.C. 285d–8(a)) is amended by strik-  
6 ing “Allergy and Infectious Diseases” and inserting  
7 “Immunologic Diseases”.

8 (e) REFERENCES IN LAW.—Any reference in any law  
9 (including a regulation), guidance, map, document, record,  
10 or other paper of the United States to the National Insti-  
11 tute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, including with re-  
12 spect to the Director of such Institute, shall be deemed  
13 to be a reference to, as applicable, the National Institute  
14 of Allergic Diseases, the National Institute of Infectious  
15 Diseases, or the National Institute of Immunologic Dis-  
16 eases, including with respect to the Directors of such In-  
17 stitutes.