

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1946

To amend the Public Health Service Act to require reporting by the National Institutes of Health on requests for funding research that were not granted and had the greatest potential for improving public health, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 5, 2017

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia 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 “Missed Opportunities  
5       Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORTING BY NIH ON MISSED OPPORTU-**  
2 **NITIES.**

3 The Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et  
4 seq.) is amended by inserting after section 403D of such  
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 283a–3) the following:

6 **“SEC. 403E. ANNUAL REPORTING ON MISSED OPPORTUNI-**  
7 **TIES.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the last day of  
9 the first fiscal quarter following the end of each fiscal  
10 year, the Director of NIH shall submit a report to Con-  
11 gress—

12 “(1) identifying—

13 “(A) the total number of requests that  
14 were under review during such fiscal year by  
15 any office, agency, institute, or center of the  
16 National Institutes of Health for funding, in  
17 whole or in part, research; and

18 “(B) of such total number—

19 “(i) the number of such requests that  
20 were granted;

21 “(ii) the number of such requests that  
22 were denied; and

23 “(iii) the number of such requests  
24 that remained pending at the end of the  
25 fiscal year; and

1           “(2) of the requests that were denied or re-  
2           mained pending, as described in clauses (ii) and (iii)  
3           of paragraph (1)(B), identifying the requests with  
4           the greatest potential for improving public health.

5           “(b) TRADE SECRETS AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMA-  
6           TION.—This section does not authorize the Secretary to  
7           disclose any information that is a trade secret or confiden-  
8           tial information subject to section 552(b)(4) of title 5,  
9           United States Code, or section 1905 of title 18, United  
10          States Code.”.

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