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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. TUBERVILLE) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Edu-
cation, Labor, and Pensions

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 fectionous 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:

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

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

“The general purpose of the National Institute of Infectious Diseases is the conduct and support of research, training, health information dissemination, and other programs with respect to infectious diseases, including tropical diseases.”.

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

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

(ii) transferred to appear after section 464z-10 of such Act, as added by subparagraph (A).

(C) ORDERLY TRANSITION.—The Director of the National Institutes of Health shall take such steps as are necessary to provide for the orderly transition to the authority of the National Institute of Infectious Diseases established under section 464z-10 of the Public Health Service Act, as added by subparagraph (A), from any authority related to infectious 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.

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