

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To provide a moratorium on all Federal research grants provided to any institution of higher education or other research institute that is conducting gain-of-function research.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MARSHALL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Viral Gain of Function
5 Research Moratorium Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL RESEARCH GRANTS**
2 **FOR INSTITUTIONS AND RESEARCH INSTI-**
3 **TUTES CONDUCTING GAIN-OF-FUNCTION RE-**
4 **SEARCH.**

5 (a) DEFINITION OF GAIN-OF-FUNCTION RE-
6 SEARCH.—In this section, the term “gain-of-function re-
7 search” means any research that—

8 (1) could confer attributes to influenza, MERS,
9 or SARS viruses such that the virus would have en-
10 hanced pathogenicity or transmissibility in any orga-
11 nism; or

12 (2) involves methods that could enhance poten-
13 tial pandemic pathogens or related risky research
14 with potentially dangerous pathogens.

15 (b) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
16 sion of law, no research grants supported by Federal funds
17 may be awarded to institutions of higher education, or
18 other research institutes, that are conducting gain-of-func-
19 tion research.