

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7041

To provide that any termination of a director of a national research institute or national center of the National Institutes of Health be on the basis of malfeasance, neglect of office, or incapacity only.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 27, 2020

Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. LYNCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “National Institutes of
5 Health Director Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL RE-**
2 **SEARCH INSTITUTE OR NATIONAL CENTER**
3 **OF THE NIH.**

4 Section 405(a)(2)(E) of the Public Health Service
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 284(a)(2)(E)) is amended—

6 (1) in the heading of subparagraph (E), by
7 striking “RULE OF CONSTRUCTION” and inserting
8 “TERMINATION FOR CAUSE”; and

9 (2) by inserting “, except that any such termi-
10 nation may be made only on the basis of malfea-
11 sance by, neglect of office by, or incapacity of the di-
12 rector” before the period.

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