

S. , Securing the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act

Section 1. Short Title.

This section provides that the short title is “Securing the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act”.

Section 2. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network.

This section amends Section 372 of the Public Health Service Act to allow the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to improve management of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) contracts by providing flexibility on the structure and funding of OPTN contracts, by removing the \$7 million appropriations funding cap for contracts; allows the OPTN to be operated through awards to public or private entities, with such awards being distinct from awards made to the organization tasked with supporting the OPTN board of directors.

Section 3. Technical Amendments.

This section amends Title III of the Public Health Service Act to correct the spelling of “histocompatibility” and other grammatical fixes. This section also amends Section 376 of the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to submit a report on the scientific and clinical status of organ transplantation to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, two years after enactment.

Section 4. GAO Review.

This section requires the Comptroller General, no later than two years after enactment, to conduct a review of the historical financing of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN), including the utilization of registration fees of entities that have been previously awarded an OPTN contract; and submit a report to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, the Senate Committee on Finance, and the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.