

114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2448

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a program of high-risk, high-reward research.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2015

Mr. HARRIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a program of high-risk, high-reward research.

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. HIGH-RISK, HIGH-REWARD RESEARCH.**

4 Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act  
5 (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
6 the following:

7 **“SEC. 409K. HIGH-RISK, HIGH-REWARD RESEARCH PRO-**  
8 **GRAM.**

9 “The director of each national research institute  
10 shall, as appropriate—

1           “(1) establish programs to conduct or support  
2           research projects that pursue innovative approaches  
3           to major contemporary challenges in biomedical re-  
4           search that involve inherent high risk, but have the  
5           potential to lead to breakthroughs; and

6           “(2) set aside a specific percentage of funding,  
7           to be determined by the Director of NIH for each  
8           national research institute, for such projects.”.

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