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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Prevent Halting of  
3 Active Research Act of 2025” or the “PHARA Act of  
4 2025”.

5 **SEC. 2. RELEASING NIH GRANT FUNDING.**

6 The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting  
7 through the Director of the National Institutes of Health  
8 (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”)—

9 (1) shall, immediately after the date of the en-  
10 actment of this Act, with respect to a grant agree-  
11 ment or cooperative agreement entered into by the  
12 Secretary—

13 (A) release and expend all funding to the  
14 extent required by such agreement; and

15 (B) otherwise fully implement such agree-  
16 ment;

17 (2) shall, as rapidly as possible after the date  
18 of the enactment of this Act, pay all pending reim-  
19 bursement requests owed by the Secretary under the  
20 agreements described in paragraph (1); and

21 (3) may not cancel any agreement described in  
22 paragraph (1) under which an awardee is per-  
23 forming active and ongoing research.

1 **SEC. 3. INCLUSION OF TERMINATION CLAUSES IN NIH**  
2 **GRANT AGREEMENTS AND COOPERATIVE**  
3 **AGREEMENTS.**

4 Any grant agreement or cooperative agreement from  
5 the National Institutes of Health that is entered into after  
6 the date of the enactment of this Act shall include a termi-  
7 nation clause. Such clause shall specify that the agreement  
8 may only be terminated in cases of material breach,  
9 change in circumstances, or mutual agreement of all par-  
10 ties, provided that—

11 (1) the terminating party invoking such clause  
12 submits to all non-terminating parties a written no-  
13 tice of the intent to terminate at least 90 days be-  
14 fore the date of termination; and

15 (2) before the date of termination, the termi-  
16 nating party attempts to amend the terms of the  
17 grant agreement or cooperative agreement with each  
18 non-terminating party.

19 **SEC. 4. NO TERMINATION OF NIH GRANT AGREEMENTS OR**  
20 **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR NO**  
21 **LONGER EFFECTUATING PROGRAM GOALS**  
22 **OR AGENCY PRIORITIES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The National Institutes of Health  
24 may not terminate, in whole or in part, a grant agreement  
25 or cooperative agreement that is entered into after the  
26 date of the enactment of this Act on the basis of such

1 agreement no longer effectuating the program goals or  
2 agency priorities.

3 (b) REGULATORY REVISION.—The Secretary of  
4 Health and Human Services, acting through the Director  
5 of the National Institutes of Health, shall revise section  
6 200.340(a) of title 2, Code of Federal Regulations, in  
7 order to comply with subsection (a) of this section.