

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NA-
TURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO COMMITTEE
PRINT RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH
OFFERED BY M__ . _____**

Page 6, line 10, before the period at the end, insert the following: “and for restarting research that was paused due to COVID–19”.

Page 7, after line 19, insert the following:

1 (c) ADDITIONAL USE OF FUNDS.—

2 (1) ALLOWABLE USES.—The Secretary may use
3 funds made available pursuant to subsection (a)
4 to—

5 (A) provide supplemental funding to ex-
6 tend the duration of a grant to an institution
7 of higher education (as defined in section
8 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
9 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a))) or a nonprofit entity that
10 conducts federally funded research (in this sec-
11 tion referred to as a “research institution”) or
12 National laboratory (as defined in section 2 of
13 the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C.
14 15801)) that was awarded prior to the date of

1 enactment of this Act, or to expand the pur-
2 poses of such a grant in order to—

3 (i) enable a graduate student or post-
4 doctoral researcher to complete work that
5 was disrupted by COVID–19;

6 (ii) enable a principal investigator to
7 complete work that was disrupted by
8 COVID–19;

9 (iii) extend the training of a graduate
10 student or the employment of a post-doc-
11 toral researcher on an ongoing research
12 project for up to two years because of the
13 disruption of the job market due to
14 COVID–19;

15 (iv) allow for the use of laboratory
16 animals, reagents, equipment, or other
17 items required for research funded by a
18 grant that was awarded prior to the date
19 of enactment of this Act, but need to be
20 replaced, refurbished, or otherwise made
21 usable after disruption because of COVID–
22 19;

23 (v) reconfigure laboratories, restart
24 equipment and disrupted research, and
25 other activities necessary to safely resume

1 on-site research activities in laboratories
2 that were temporarily closed or redirected
3 to COVID–19 response; and

4 (vi) facilitate other competitively
5 awarded research and training activities
6 that have been disrupted by COVID–19;

7 (B) provide supplemental funding through
8 existing competitively awarded cooperative
9 agreements and contracts to cover the increased
10 costs of construction of scientific facilities and
11 equipment that have been delayed because of
12 COVID–19; and

13 (C) award grants and cooperative agree-
14 ments to institutions of higher education to
15 conduct research on the behavioral, social, or
16 economic effects of COVID–19 and the re-
17 sponses to the disease, or on the effectiveness of
18 such responses.

19 (2) AWARDS.—The Secretary shall—

20 (A) develop procedures to award such
21 funds; and

22 (B) award all such funds as rapidly as pos-
23 sible and in no case later than September 30,
24 2022.

1 (3) REGULATIONS.—Until such time as a re-
2 search institution has determined it can safely re-
3 open a research laboratory funded by a Federal
4 science agency, such agency shall continue to inter-
5 pret regulations in a manner consistent with—

6 (A) the memorandum issued by the Office
7 of Management and Budget on March 19,
8 2020, entitled “Administrative Relief for Re-
9 cipients and Applicants of Federal Financial
10 Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel
11 Coronavirus (COVID–19) due to Loss of Oper-
12 ations”; and

13 (B) the memorandum issued by the Office
14 of Management and Budget on March 19,
15 2020, entitled “Managing Federal Contract
16 Performance Issues Associated with the Novel
17 Coronavirus (COVID–19)”.

