

S 1588

Mental Health in Schools Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** Senate

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 16, 2015
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 16, 2015
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 16, 2015
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 16, 2015
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 16, 2015
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 16, 2015
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 16, 2015
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 17, 2015
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 17, 2015
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 17, 2015
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 18, 2015
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 13, 2016
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Dec 8, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 16, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

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## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4435	Related bill	<b>Feb 10, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
114 S 1738	Related bill	<b>Jul 9, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
114 HR 1211	Related bill	<b>Mar 6, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Summary (as of Jun 16, 2015)

### Mental Health in Schools Act of 2015

Amends the Public Health Service Act to revise a community children and violence program to assist local communities and schools in applying a public health approach to mental health services, including by: (1) revising eligibility requirements for a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement; and (2) providing for comprehensive school mental health programs that are culturally and linguistically appropriate, trauma-informed, and age appropriate. Requires a comprehensive school mental health program funded under this Act to assist children in dealing with trauma and violence. Makes only a partnership between a local educational agency and at least one community program or agency that is involved in mental health eligible for funding.

Requires the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to develop a fiscally appropriate process for evaluating grant program activities, including the development of: (1) guidelines for the submission of program data by recipients; and (2) outcome measures to be applied by recipients in evaluating programs, including student and family measures and local educational measures.

### Actions Timeline

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