

S 1015

National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2017

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]

Party: Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		May 3, 2017
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 8, 2017
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 19, 2017
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Jul 11, 2017
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Sep 28, 2017
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Oct 4, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Oct 17, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 31, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 10, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 8, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2345	Identical bill	Aug 14, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-233.

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(Sec. 3) This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to coordinate with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to examine: (1) the feasibility of designating a three-digit dialing code for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system; and (2) the effectiveness of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-TALK), including how well it addresses the needs of veterans.

SAMHSA must report to the FCC: (1) the potential impact of a designated dialing code on suicide prevention, crisis services, and other suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotlines; and (2) recommendations for improving the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

The VA must report to the FCC about how well the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the Veterans Crisis Line are working to address the needs of veterans.

The FCC must report to Congress whether it recommends a dialing code, a cost-benefit analysis comparing the three-digit code to the current lifeline number, and cost estimates for service providers, states, and localities.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 13, 2018:** By Senator Thune from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Report No. 115-213.
- **Nov 10, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Nov 8, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 8, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 8, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 8, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7069; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S7069)
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- **Oct 31, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Oct 31, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 256.
- **Oct 4, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 3, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 3, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S2723-2724)