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Behavioral Health Coverage Transparency Act of 2018

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jan 11, 2018
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 11, 2018
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 11, 2018
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jan 11, 2018
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 11, 2018
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jan 11, 2018
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jan 11, 2018
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 11, 2018
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 11, 2018
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jan 11, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 11, 2018
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jan 11, 2018
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jan 17, 2018
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 26, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 11, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4778	Identical bill	Apr 5, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Jan 11, 2018)

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This bill amends the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), and the Internal Revenue Code to require the Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS), Labor, and the Treasury to:

(1) cooperatively issue regulations to require group health plans and health insurance issuers to annually disclose the analyses performed to ensure compliance with mental health parity laws, and (2) conduct annual random audits of group health plans and health insurance issuers to determine compliance.

HHS must establish a consumer parity unit: (1) to facilitate the collection of, monitoring of, and response to consumer complaints; and (2) to provide consumers information about the disclosure requirements and enforcement of the mental health parity laws.

Actions Timeline

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