

## S 1012

### Protecting Jessica Grubb's Legacy Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Apr 3, 2019
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Apr 3, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 3, 2019
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Apr 3, 2019
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 3, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 3, 2019
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Apr 3, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 3, 2019
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Apr 3, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 3, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 15, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 5, 2019
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Jun 24, 2019
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Oct 16, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 3, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2062	Related bill	<b>Apr 4, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Summary (as of Apr 3, 2019)

### Protecting Jessica Grubb's Legacy Act

This bill more closely aligns the federal privacy standards for substance use disorder (SUD) patient records with the standards under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Specifically, the bill authorizes the disclosure of SUD patient records without a patient's written consent to: (1) a covered entity for the purposes of treatment, payment, and health care operations, as long as the disclosure is made in accordance with HIPAA; and (2) a public health authority, as long as the content of the disclosure meets HIPAA standards regarding de-identified information. Current law authorizes disclosure of SUD patient records without a patient's written consent only to medical personnel in a medical emergency, to specified personnel for research or program evaluations, or pursuant to a court order.

The bill also repeals and replaces criminal penalties for certain violations involving SUD patient records with the HIPAA civil penalty structure. It also applies HIPAA criminal penalties to wrongful disclosures of SUD patient records. In addition, the bill expands the current prohibition against using SUD patient records in criminal proceedings to include any use in specified federal, state, and local criminal and civil actions.

The bill prohibits certain discrimination based on the release of SUD information under this bill.

### Actions Timeline

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