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Disability Integration Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jan 15, 2019
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jan 15, 2019
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Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 15, 2019
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 15, 2019
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Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 15, 2019
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Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Jan 15, 2019
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jan 15, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 15, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 15, 2019
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 15, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jan 15, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 15, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jan 15, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 15, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 15, 2019
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 23, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 29, 2019
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 15, 2019
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Jul 29, 2019
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jul 31, 2019
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 31, 2019
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Oct 16, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Oct 29, 2019
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Dec 9, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Dec 17, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 15, 2020
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 10, 2020
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Sep 8, 2020
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Nov 9, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 15, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 555	Identical bill	Feb 25, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Summary (as of Jan 15, 2019)

Disability Integration Act of 2019

This bill prohibits government entities and insurance providers from denying community-based services to individuals with disabilities that require long-term service or support that would enable such individuals to live in the community and lead an independent life.

Specifically, these entities may not discriminate against such individuals in the provision of community-based services by such actions as imposing prohibited eligibility criteria, cost caps, or waiting lists or failing to provide a specific community-based service. Additionally, community-based services must be offered to individuals with such disabilities prior to institutionalization. Institutionalized individuals must be notified regularly of community-based alternatives.

The bill requires the Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to issue regulations requiring government entities and insurance providers to offer community-based long-term services to individuals with such disabilities who would otherwise qualify for institutional placement. Government entities must ensure sufficient availability of affordable, accessible, and integrated housing that is not a disability-specific residential setting or a setting where services are tied to tenancy.

Regulations shall also (1) require government entities and insurance providers to perform self-evaluation on current services, policies, and practices and concerning compliance with requirements of this bill; and (2) require government entities to submit a transition plan. HHS must determine annually whether each government entity is complying with the transition plan and must increase funding for those in compliance.

The bill allows civil actions by individuals subjected to, or about to be subjected to, a violation of its requirements.

Actions Timeline

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