

S 2661

National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Law: 116-172 (Enacted Oct 17, 2020)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/2661>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]

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

Cosponsors (34 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Oct 22, 2019
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Oct 22, 2019
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Oct 22, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Dec 5, 2019
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Dec 10, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Dec 10, 2019
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Dec 10, 2019
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Dec 12, 2019
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Dec 17, 2019
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Dec 17, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 18, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 6, 2020
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jan 9, 2020
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jan 13, 2020
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Jan 13, 2020
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Jan 28, 2020
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 28, 2020
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Jan 28, 2020
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jan 28, 2020
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 3, 2020
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 3, 2020
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 3, 2020
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 3, 2020
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Feb 4, 2020
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 4, 2020
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 4, 2020
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Feb 4, 2020
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 4, 2020
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Feb 10, 2020
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Feb 10, 2020
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 11, 2020
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 17, 2020
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 17, 2020
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		May 4, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Discharged From	May 13, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6800	Related bill	Jul 23, 2020: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-517.
116 HR 4194	Related bill	Jul 15, 2020: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

Summary (as of Oct 17, 2020)

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This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to designate 9-8-8 as the universal telephone number for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline.

A state may impose and collect a fee for providing 9-8-8 related services. However, this fee must be held in a designated account to be spent only in support of 9-8-8 services, and the FCC must submit an annual report on state administration of these fees.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Veterans Affairs must jointly report on how to make the use of 9-8-8 operational and effective across the country, and HHS must develop a strategy to provide access to competent, specialized services for high-risk populations such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) youth; minorities; and rural individuals.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 17, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 17, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-172.
- **Oct 6, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Mr. McNerney moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4608-4611)
- **Sep 21, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2661.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4608-4609)
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 14, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 14, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **May 14, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **May 13, 2020:** Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 13, 2020:** Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S2412-2414)
- **May 13, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.
- **May 13, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **May 13, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S2412-2413)
- **Dec 11, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Oct 22, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 22, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.