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Health Force and Resilience Force Act of 2020

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (May 5, 2020)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		May 5, 2020
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 5, 2020
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 5, 2020
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		May 5, 2020
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		May 5, 2020
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		May 5, 2020
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 5, 2020
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		May 5, 2020
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		May 5, 2020
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 5, 2020
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		May 5, 2020
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 12, 2020
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jul 22, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 5, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6808	Related bill	May 13, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

Summary (as of May 5, 2020)

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This bill establishes and expands programs to bring on individuals to perform public health functions, such as contact tracing and vaccine administration, to respond to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) emergency and meet other public health needs after that emergency ends.

The bill provides funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to establish a Health Force to recruit and train individuals for roles in public health and health care. The funds are designated as an emergency requirement, which exempts the funds from discretionary spending limits and other budget enforcement rules. Among other activities, the CDC must award grants to, or enter into contracts with, states and other jurisdictions to hire and deploy Health Force personnel.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency must hire and train additional individuals for its Cadre of On-Call Response/Recovery Employees. These employees may be detailed to certain federal agencies or to state, local, or tribal governments to support efforts with respect to COVID-19 and other disasters and emergencies.

Actions Timeline

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