

S 3634

Health Heroes 2020 Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		May 6, 2020
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 6, 2020
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		May 6, 2020
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 6, 2020
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		May 6, 2020
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 6, 2020
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		May 6, 2020
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 6, 2020
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 6, 2020
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 6, 2020
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 6, 2020
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 6, 2020
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 8, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 6, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6650	Identical bill	May 1, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Summary (as of May 6, 2020)

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This bill appropriates funds for, and makes other changes to, scholarship and loan repayment programs for health care providers who agree to a period of obligated service in a health professional shortage area.

Specifically, the bill provides funds through FY2026 for the National Health Service Corps and otherwise modifies the program, including by (1) authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), subject to certain limitations, to reassign corps members to alternative sites during a declared public health emergency; and (2) establishing a demonstration project that allows corps members to fulfill their service obligations through a period of reserve status, during which HHS may deploy them to respond to a declared emergency.

The bill also provides FY2020 funds for the Nurse Corps scholarship and loan repayment programs. These funds are designated as an emergency requirement, which exempts the funds from discretionary spending limits and other budget enforcement rules.

Actions Timeline

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