

S 4248

COVID-19 Bias and Anti-Racism Training Act of 2020

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Jul 21, 2020

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jul 21, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]

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

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 22, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 21, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7618	Identical bill	Jul 16, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Summary (as of Jul 21, 2020)

COVID-19 Bias and Anti-Racism Training Act of 2020

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to award grants to health care providers, public health departments, tribal organizations, schools for social workers and health professionals, and other nonprofit entities for bias and anti-racism training to reduce disparities in COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) response efforts.

In administering these grants, HHS must give priority to, among others, recipients in communities with racial and ethnic disparities in COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations, and death rates. In addition, HHS must develop requirements for bias and anti-racism training that aligns with continuing education requirements of applicable state licensing bodies, such as medical boards.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 21, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
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