

## S 595

Treat and Reduce Obesity Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Feb 28, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/595>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]

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

### Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Feb 28, 2019
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 27, 2019
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Apr 3, 2019
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Apr 30, 2019
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 16, 2019
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jul 23, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jul 25, 2019
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Sep 25, 2019
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Oct 16, 2019
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Oct 16, 2019
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Nov 12, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 28, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1530	Identical bill	Mar 6, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Feb 28, 2019)

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This bill expands Medicare coverage of intensive behavioral therapy for obesity. Specifically, the bill allows coverage for therapy that is provided by (1) a physician who is not a primary care physician; or (2) other health care providers (e.g., physician assistants and nurse practitioners) and approved counseling programs, if provided upon a referral from, and in coordination with, a physician or primary care practitioner. Currently, such therapy is covered only if provided by a primary care practitioner.

The bill also allows coverage under Medicare's prescription drug benefit of drugs used for the treatment of obesity or for weight loss management for individuals who are overweight.

Actions Timeline

- Feb 28, 2019: Introduced in Senate
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