

## HR 6685

### POWER Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Families

**Introduced:** May 1, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. (May 1, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6685>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor                | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|--------------------------|---------------|------|-------------|
| Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6] | R - VA        |      | May 1, 2020 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                         | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Education and Workforce Committee | House   | Referred To | May 1, 2020 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Families

### 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 S 3739  | Related bill | May 14, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.                |

### Summary (as of May 1, 2020)

#### Protect Our Women and Waive Emergency Requirements Act or the POWER Act

This bill waives, upon state request, specified matching and reporting requirements for family violence and prevention services grants to states, subgrants to local entities, and grants to tribal organizations. This applies to grants awarded during FY2019-FY2020 and the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency.

### Actions Timeline

- **May 1, 2020:** Introduced in House
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