

HR 7158

Health Enterprise Zones Act of 2020

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Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Jun 11, 2020
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Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jun 11, 2020
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Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jul 13, 2020
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Jul 16, 2020
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jul 23, 2020
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jul 23, 2020
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Aug 22, 2020
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Oct 20, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 11, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 11, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 11, 2020)

Health Enterprise Zones Act of 2020

This bill provides for the designation of Health Enterprise Zones in certain geographic areas with documented and measurable health disparities. This designation, which expires 10 fiscal years after the bill's enactment, confers eligibility for certain grants, student loan repayment programs, and tax credits for those working to reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes in these zones.

Specifically, community-based nonprofits or local government agencies, in coalition with health care providers, social service organizations, and others, may apply to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for the designation. The application must include a plan to reduce health disparities and achieve other outcomes.

In implementing the program, HHS must consult with, among others, the Department of Housing and Urban Development. When approving applications, HHS shall consider factors including geographic diversity and the commitment of supporting funds from the private sector. HHS (1) may award grants to organizations or agencies that applied for the designation to support activities aligned with their plans, and (2) must carry out a student loan repayment program for health care providers who agree to provide services in a Health Enterprise Zone.

In addition, the bill establishes tax credits for employers that hire, and individuals who work as, Health Enterprise Zone workers.

Actions Timeline

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