HR 7539

Strengthening Behavioral Health Parity Act

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Policy Area: Health
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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]
Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Jul 9, 2020
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2020
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Jul 9, 2020
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jul 29, 2020
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jul 29, 2020
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Sep 11, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Discharged From	Dec 24, 2020
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported By	Dec 24, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 9, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 24, 2020)

Strengthening Behavioral Health Parity Act

This bill establishes compliance mechanisms related to the requirements for health insurance plans that cover mental health or substance use disorder services to provide such coverage in a manner consistent with the coverage of other medical and surgical services under their plans.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 24, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-692, Part I.
- **Dec 24, 2020:** Committee on Ways and Means discharged.
- **Dec 24, 2020:** Committee on Education and Labor discharged.
- **Dec 24, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 575.
- **Jul 15, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 15, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 9, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 9, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 9, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and Labor, 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.

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