

HR 9016

DOULA for VA Act of 2020

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Dec 17, 2020
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Dec 17, 2020
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 17, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4753	Related bill	Sep 29, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Dec 17, 2020)

Delivering Optimally Urgent Labor Access for Veterans Affairs Act of 2020 or the DOULA for VA Act of 2020

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish a five-year pilot program to furnish doula services to pregnant veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system. The program must furnish doula services through eligible entities by expanding the VA's Whole Health model to measure the impact that doula support services have on birth and mental health outcomes of pregnant veterans. The Whole Health model is a holistic approach that looks at the many areas of life that may affect health in order to make a health plan suited for each individual based on his or her health goals.

Actions Timeline

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