

## S 1042

### Kira Johnson Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 25, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Mar 25, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1042>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]

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

### Cosponsors (6 total)

| Cosponsor                          | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]        | D · NJ        |      | Mar 25, 2021 |
| Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]       | D · NJ        |      | Mar 25, 2021 |
| Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]          | D · CA        |      | Mar 25, 2021 |
| Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]      | D · MD        |      | Mar 25, 2021 |
| Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]            | D · MN        |      | Apr 15, 2021 |
| Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY] | D · NY        |      | Oct 20, 2021 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee  | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Mar 25, 2021 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 117 HR 7585 | Related bill | Jun 29, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 HR 959  | Related bill | Apr 23, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.            |
| 117 HR 1212 | Related bill | Feb 24, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 S 346   | Related bill | Feb 22, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |

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This bill establishes grants to improve maternal health outcomes for racial and ethnic minority groups and other underserved populations.

Specifically, the Department of Health and Human Services must award grants for

- community-based programs to improve maternal health outcomes for Black pregnant and postpartum individuals, as well as individuals in other underserved groups;
- training for health care providers and others who work in maternity care settings on reducing and preventing racism, bias, and discrimination; and
- respectful maternity care compliance programs in specified health care facilities.

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine must study issues related to the training programs, and the Government Accountability Office must study issues related to the compliance programs.

## **Actions Timeline**

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