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Sponsor

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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
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 25, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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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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