

HR 1054

Teacher Victims' Family Assistance Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Education

Introduced: Feb 15, 2021

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support. (Feb 15, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large] | D · GU | | Feb 15, 2021 |
| Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5] | D · CT | | Feb 15, 2021 |
| Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18] | D · TX | | Feb 15, 2021 |
| Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8] | D · NJ | | Feb 15, 2021 |
| Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9] | D · FL | | Feb 15, 2021 |
| Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2] | D · MS | | Feb 15, 2021 |
| Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9] | D · TN | | Mar 23, 2021 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred To | Feb 15, 2021 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 15, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Teacher Victims' Family Assistance Act of 2021

This bill establishes the Teacher Victims' Family Trust Fund, from which the Department of Education (ED) must provide financial assistance to certain family members of elementary and secondary school teachers and staff members who are killed by an act of violence while performing their school duties. The bill also increases from 11% to 13% the excise tax on shells and cartridges and provides the trust fund with funding equivalent to the revenues received from the tax increase.

Specifically, ED must provide victims' families with (1) funeral assistance; (2) a death benefit payment for the surviving spouse, dependent child, or other next of kin; (3) a monthly living allowance for the surviving spouse until death or remarriage or, if there is no surviving spouse, for each dependent child until age 18; and (4) undergraduate education assistance for each dependent child for five years.

Additionally, the bill excludes from a victim's income, for tax purposes, the amount of wages earned in the year of death. It also excludes victims' family assistance received under the bill from gross income for any taxable year.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 15, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 15, 2021:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E135)
- **Feb 15, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on 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.
- **Feb 15, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support.