

## HR 1212

Kira Johnson Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Feb 23, 2021
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Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jun 1, 2021
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Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Apr 18, 2022
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Apr 18, 2022
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Apr 18, 2022
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Apr 18, 2022

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Apr 21, 2022
Rep. Carter, Troy [D-LA-2]	D · LA		May 3, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 24, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8862	Related bill	<b>Nov 1, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 7585	Related bill	<b>Jun 29, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 S 4486	Related bill	<b>Jun 23, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 959	Related bill	<b>Apr 23, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 S 1042	Related bill	<b>Mar 25, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 S 346	Related bill	<b>Feb 22, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## Summary (as of Feb 23, 2021)

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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

- **Feb 24, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 23, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 23, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.