

## HR 1368

Mental Health Justice Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 25, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Apr 28, 2021)

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Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Apr 16, 2021

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Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		May 13, 2021
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Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jun 25, 2021
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Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Oct 26, 2021
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Nov 1, 2021

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Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Dec 23, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 26, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 28, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
<a href="#">117 HR 7254</a>	Related bill	<b>Nov 1, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
<a href="#">117 HR 8542</a>	Related bill	<b>Sep 27, 2022:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
<a href="#">117 S 515</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 1, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## Summary (as of Feb 25, 2021)

### Mental Health Justice Act of 2021

This bill creates a grant program for states and local governments to train and dispatch mental health professionals to respond, instead of law enforcement officers, to emergencies that involve people with behavioral health needs.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) must manage the program in consultation with the Department of Justice (DOJ). SAMHSA may cancel grants that increase incarceration or institutionalization. Grantees must use funds for purposes including de-escalation and anti-racism training.

The Department of Health and Human Services and the DOJ must evaluate this program.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 3, 2021:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H1021)
- **Feb 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 25, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 25, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.