

## S 1520

Military Justice Improvement and Increasing Prevention Act of 2021

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]

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

**Cosponsors** (65 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 29, 2021
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Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Tuberville, Tommy [R-AL]	R · AL		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 29, 2021

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		May 10, 2021
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		May 10, 2021
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		May 10, 2021
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 10, 2021
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		May 10, 2021
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		May 10, 2021
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Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		May 10, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		May 10, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 10, 2021
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		May 10, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 10, 2021
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		May 12, 2021
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		May 12, 2021
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		May 12, 2021
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		May 13, 2021
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 19, 2021
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		May 19, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		May 25, 2021
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		May 26, 2021
Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]	R · NE		Jun 7, 2021

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 29, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2792	Related bill	Sep 22, 2021: An errata sheet on written report No. 117-39 was printed.
117 HR 4104	Related bill	Jun 23, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

## **Military Justice Improvement and Increasing Prevention Act of 2021**

This bill modifies the process and policy related to the disposition of charges and convening of courts-martial for certain sexual assault cases and other specified offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

Among other elements, the bill provides that the determinations on the preferral, disposition, and referral of charges for specified offenses under the UCMJ must be made by a commissioned officer of the Armed Forces who is designated as a court-martial convening authority (in grade O-6 or higher) and who is available for detail as trial counsel, has significant trial experience, and is outside the chain of command of the member subject to the charges.

### **Actions Timeline**

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