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Virtual Peer Support Act of 2021

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Feb 2, 2021)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 2, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2929	Identical bill	May 3, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Feb 2, 2021)

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This bill appropriates funding for grants to transition behavioral health peer support services that are provided at no cost to participants from in-person to virtual platforms or to otherwise expand these kinds of virtual services.

Specifically, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration must award competitive grants to certain consumer-controlled or consumer-run organizations and tribal communities. Among other eligibility requirements for these grants, entities must have offered certain behavioral health services at no cost to participants before the declaration of the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency.

Actions Timeline

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