

S 1570

HELP Act of 2021

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Policy Area: Social Welfare

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		May 11, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 11, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		May 11, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 11, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 11, 2021
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		May 11, 2021
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 11, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 11, 2021
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		May 11, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		May 11, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 11, 2021
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		May 13, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 11, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Human-Services Emergency Logistic Program Act of 2021 or the HELP Act of 2021

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to allot funding to states, tribal nations, and territories to improve the 2-1-1 and 9-8-8 telecommunication systems. The 2-1-1 system provides callers with information and referrals with respect to health and human services and other provider agencies, and the 9-8-8 system provides callers with mental health or suicide crisis support and resources through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

The funds must be used solely for making the call systems available to all individuals in the service area, enhancing community information and referrals with respect to human services, or both. As a condition of this funding, recipients must appoint a lead entity to manage activities to improve the call systems. Recipients must also establish a Human Services State Oversight Council to provide the lead entity with guidance and oversight related to the call systems.

In addition, HHS must establish a Human Services National Board, comprised of federal and non-federal representatives, to manage the allocation of funds and evaluate the call systems.

Actions Timeline

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