

S 1675

Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		May 18, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		May 18, 2021
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		May 18, 2021
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		May 18, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 18, 2021
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		May 26, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 4, 2022
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jan 4, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 8, 2021

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4387	Related bill	Jul 21, 2021: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.

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This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish specified grant programs to support positive maternal health care outcomes for pregnant and postpartum women and their infants.

Specifically, HHS must award grants to (1) develop best practices to reduce preventable maternal mortality, and (2) train health care professionals to reduce and prevent discrimination when providing maternal health services. In addition, HHS may award grants to establish evidence-informed, integrated health care services to pregnant and postpartum women and their infants.

The bill also provides statutory authority for a grant program that supports perinatal quality collaboratives. These are networks of perinatal care providers and public health professionals that work to improve pregnancy outcomes through continuous quality improvement.

HHS also must (1) contract with an independent research organization to study and make recommendations on trainings for health professional schools and education programs on reducing and preventing discrimination in the provision of maternal health services, and (2) address pregnant and postpartum women and their infants in public awareness initiatives related to vaccinations.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 8, 2021:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Murray with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jun 8, 2021:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 71.
- **May 25, 2021:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 18, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 18, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.