

## S 1716

### BABIES Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 19, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (May 19, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 19, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3337	Related bill	<b>May 19, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

### Summary (as of May 19, 2021)

#### Birth Access Benefiting Improved Essential Facility Services Act or the BABIES Act

This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to establish a Medicaid demonstration program to improve freestanding birth center services for women with low-risk pregnancies.

Among other things, the CMS must (1) publish criteria for freestanding birth centers to participate in the program, including specified accreditation, licensure, and service requirements; (2) publish guidance for states to establish prospective payment systems under Medicaid for program participants; and (3) award planning grants for states to develop program proposals. The CMS may choose up to six states to participate in the program.

## Actions Timeline

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