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John Lewis Every Child Deserves a Family Act

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (May 26, 2021)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (46 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI] | D · WI | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO] | D · CO | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT] | D · CT | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ] | D · NJ | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH] | D · OH | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA] | D · WA | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE] | D · DE | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV] | D · NV | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL] | D · IL | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA] | D · CA | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI] | D · HI | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA] | D · VA | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME] | I · ME | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] | D · MN | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA] | D · MA | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ] | D · NJ | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT] | D · CT | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA] | D · CA | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV] | D · NV | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH] | D · NH | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN] | D · MN | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD] | D · MD | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA] | D · MA | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR] | D · OR | | May 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT] | I · VT | | Jun 7, 2021 |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI] | D · MI | | Jun 7, 2021 |
| Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA] | D · PA | | Jun 15, 2021 |
| Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM] | D · NM | | Jun 16, 2021 |
| Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA] | D · VA | | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI] | D · RI | | Aug 3, 2021 |
| Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD] | D · MD | | Aug 4, 2021 |
| Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT] | D · VT | | Sep 13, 2021 |
| Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI] | D · RI | | Sep 21, 2021 |
| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR] | D · OR | | Oct 26, 2021 |
| Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE] | D · DE | | Dec 2, 2021 |
| Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH] | D · NH | | Jan 6, 2022 |
| Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM] | D · NM | | Jan 31, 2022 |
| Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL] | D · IL | | Feb 7, 2022 |
| Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI] | D · MI | | Mar 14, 2022 |
| Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI] | D · HI | | Jul 13, 2022 |
| Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT] | D · MT | | Sep 7, 2022 |

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| Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA] | D · WA | | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA] | D · GA | | Sep 21, 2022 |
| Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ] | D · AZ | | Sep 21, 2022 |
| Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO] | D · CO | | Nov 15, 2022 |
| Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ] | D · AZ | | Dec 13, 2022 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Finance Committee | Senate | Referred To | May 26, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Families

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 HR 3488 | Related bill | May 26, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |

Summary (as of May 26, 2021)

John Lewis Every Child Deserves a Family Act

This bill prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or religion in the provision of child welfare programs and services by entities receiving federal funding. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must provide technical assistance to help states follow this requirement, including (1) guidance for bringing state laws into compliance, (2) developing training to increase cultural competency related to social identity, and (3) training for judges and attorneys involved in child welfare cases, among other supports.

Additionally, HHS must establish the National Resource Center on Safety, Well-Being, Placement Stability, and Permanency for LGBTQ Children and Youth Involved with Child Welfare Services to provide training, technical assistance, and guidance to applicable state and local agencies and service providers.

Further, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act may not be the basis for challenging the application or enforcement of this bill. The Government Accountability Office must study and report on states' compliance with the requirements of the bill no later than three years after enactment.

Actions Timeline

- **May 26, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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