

## S 1848

John Lewis Every Child Deserves a Family Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Families

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### Sponsor

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

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

**Cosponsors** (46 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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
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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

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 26, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Families

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3488	Related bill	<b>May 26, 2021:</b> 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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