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DOULA for VA Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** May 27, 2021

**Current Status:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**Latest Action:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. (Oct 20, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1937>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor                   | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK] | R · AK        |      | Apr 26, 2022 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity                     | Date         |
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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate  | Hearings By (full committee) | Oct 20, 2021 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action   |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| 117 HR 2521 | Identical bill | <b>Dec 5, 2022:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. |

### Summary (as of May 27, 2021)

#### Delivering Optimally Urgent Labor Access for Veterans Affairs Act of 2021 or the DOULA for VA Act of 2021

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish a five-year pilot program to furnish doula services to pregnant veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system. The program must furnish doula services through eligible entities by expanding the VA's Whole Health model to measure the impact that doula support services have on birth and mental health outcomes of pregnant veterans. The Whole Health model is a holistic approach that looks at the many areas of life that may affect health in order to make a health plan suited for each individual based on his or her health goals.

## Actions Timeline

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