

S 1996

GLOBE Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

Introduced: Jun 9, 2021

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Jun 9, 2021)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1996>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]

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

Cosponsors (25 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Sep 29, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 1, 2022
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Nov 14, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 9, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3800	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 HR 3485	Related bill	Feb 9, 2022: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Greater Leadership Overseas for the Benefit of Equality Act of 2021 or the GLOBE Act of 2021

This bill contains provisions related to (1) the protection of LGBTQI individuals globally; and (2) immigration protections for vulnerable individuals.

The bill establishes (1) an interagency group to respond to urgent threats to LGBTQI people in foreign countries, and (2) a permanent Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTQI Peoples in the Department of State.

The President shall impose visa-blocking sanctions on foreign persons responsible for violating the human rights of individuals based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or sex characteristics.

The State Department shall establish the Global Equality Fund to provide assistance to nongovernmental organizations working to advance and protect human rights. The U.S. Agency for International Development shall establish the LGBTQI Global Development Partnership to work with the private sector and nongovernmental organizations to support LGBTQI rights.

The bill contains several immigration-related provisions, such as those

- establishing that persecution based on sexual orientation or gender identity may form the basis of an asylum request,
- allowing certain applicants to file asylum claims more than a year after their arrival in the United States,
- including a permanent partnership between two partners as a marriage for immigration law purposes,
- providing for free counsel in certain immigration proceedings, and
- granting U.S. citizenship to a child born abroad through assistive reproductive technology from a U.S. citizen who is the child's nonbiological parent.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 9, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 9, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.