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Access Technology Affordability Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]

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

Cosponsors (40 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 3, 2021
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 3, 2021
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Feb 3, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 3, 2021
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Feb 12, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Feb 12, 2021
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Feb 12, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 12, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 11, 2021
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Mar 15, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 14, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 20, 2021
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		May 20, 2021
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		May 20, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		May 27, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jul 15, 2021
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Jul 15, 2021
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Sep 15, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Sep 27, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 27, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Oct 5, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Oct 5, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Oct 19, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Oct 19, 2021
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Oct 27, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Dec 2, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 2, 2022
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 9, 2022
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 1, 2022
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 8, 2022
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jul 19, 2022
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 27, 2022
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Sep 8, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 3, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 431	Related bill	Jan 21, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Summary (as of Feb 3, 2021)

Access Technology Affordability Act of 2021

This bill allows a refundable tax credit equal to the amounts paid for qualified access technology for use by a blind individual who is the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, or a dependent of the taxpayer. *Qualified access technology* is hardware, software, or other information technology with the primary function of converting or adapting information that is visually represented into forms or formats useable by blind individuals.

The credit is limited to (1) costs that are not compensated by insurance or otherwise, and (2) an aggregate amount of \$2,000 per blind individual in any period of three consecutive taxable years. The credit must be adjusted for inflation after 2022 and terminates after 2026.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 3, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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