

## HR 2336

### HOPE Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

**Introduced:** Apr 1, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Oct 19, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2336>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]

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

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Apr 1, 2021
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Apr 1, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		May 18, 2021
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Nov 30, 2021
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		May 17, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 1, 2021
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 1, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 2, 2021
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 1, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 19, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 1, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Social Welfare

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1181	Related bill	Apr 15, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Health, Opportunity, and Personal Empowerment Act of 2021 or the HOPE Act of 2021**

This bill establishes two Health, Opportunity, and Personal Empowerment (HOPE) pilot projects to improve economic security for individuals who meet income or other requirements.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development must collaborate on the projects.

The first project provides awards to certain government entities to assist eligible individuals in establishing HOPE accounts through banks, credit unions, or governmental agencies. HOPE accounts must (1) provide access to specified financial services and information on public benefits, health insurance, and other topics; and (2) facilitate activities such as applying for government benefits and filing taxes. HHS must hold a competition to award contracts to private businesses and nonprofits to develop technology applications and other tools for HOPE accounts.

The second pilot project provides grants that allow government and nonprofit organizations to enter voluntary agreements with eligible individuals to carry out long-term plans related to improving economic security and upward mobility.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Apr 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 1, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 1, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Agriculture, Education and Labor, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Apr 1, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support.