

## S 2401

21st Century Assistive Technology Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jul 20, 2021
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Jul 20, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 20, 2021
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Aug 4, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 7, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Social Welfare

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 9028	Related bill	<b>Sep 29, 2022:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

## **21st Century Assistive Technology Act**

This bill reauthorizes through FY2026, modifies the funding allocations for, and makes administrative and other changes to programs that increase access to assistive technology devices and assistive technology services for individuals with disabilities. An assistive technology device includes any item, piece of equipment, or system that is used to maintain or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities (e.g., wheelchairs, hearing aids, or screen readers and computer software), and an assistive technology service is a service that directly assists an individual with a disability with selecting or using such devices, including by evaluating the individual's needs or expanding access to such devices and technology.

Specific changes include expanding the scope of certain technical assistance to support grant recipients with data collection, increasing collaboration between agencies that are implementing certain assistive technology grants and state agencies that receive other sources of federal funding for this technology, and adding a more specific focus on older adults in these programs.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 7, 2021:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Murray with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Aug 7, 2021:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 121.
- **Aug 3, 2021:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 20, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 20, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.