

HR 2981

Suicide Prevention Lifeline Improvement Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		May 4, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		May 4, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 5, 2021
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 13, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2425	Related bill	Sep 21, 2021: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 128.
117 HRES 380	Related bill	May 12, 2021: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

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This bill expands the requirements for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Program.

Specifically, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration must (1) develop a plan to ensure the provision of high-quality service, (2) strengthen data-sharing agreements to facilitate the transmission of epidemiological data from the program to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and (3) implement a pilot program focused on using other communications platforms (e.g., social media and texting) for suicide prevention.

The bill also directs the Government Accountability Office to study the program.

Actions Timeline

- **May 13, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **May 12, 2021:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 380, proceedings on H.R. 2981 are considered vacated.
- **May 12, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 6 of H. Res. 380, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 297; H.R. 433; H.R. 478; H.R. 586; H.R. 721, as amended; H.R. 768; H.R. 810; H.R. 1205; H.R. 1260, as amended; H.R. 1324; H.R. 1448, as amended; H.R. 1475, as amended; H.R. 1480, as amended; H.R. 2862, as amended; H.R. 2955; and H.R. 2981.(consideration: CR H2235-2246; text: CR H2245-2246)
- **May 12, 2021:** Pursuant to section 6 of H. Res. 380, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 297; H.R. 433; H.R. 478; H.R. 586; H.R. 721, as amended; H.R. 768; H.R. 810; H.R. 1205; H.R. 1260, as amended; H.R. 1324; H.R. 1448, as amended; H.R. 1475, as amended; H.R. 1480, as amended; H.R. 2862, as amended; H.R. 2955; and H.R. 2981. (consideration: CR H2235-2246; text: CR H2245-2246)
- **May 11, 2021:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 11, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2176-2178; text: CR H2176-2177)
- **May 11, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2981.
- **May 11, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 5, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 4, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 4, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.