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Health Force, Resilience Force, and Jobs To Fight COVID–19 Act of 2021

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jan 22, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]

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

Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jan 22, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 22, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 22, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jan 22, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jan 22, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 22, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 22, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 22, 2021
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jan 22, 2021
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jan 22, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 22, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 1, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 1, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 1, 2021
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 12, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 22, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 460	Identical bill	Feb 4, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

Summary (as of Jan 22, 2021)

Health Force, Resilience Force, and Jobs to Fight COVID-19 Act of 2021

This bill establishes and expands programs to bring on individuals to perform public health functions, such as contact tracing and vaccine administration, to respond to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) emergency and meet future public health needs.

The bill provides funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to establish a Health Force. The funds are designated as an emergency requirement, which exempts the funds from discretionary spending limits and other budget enforcement rules. To establish the force, the CDC must award grants within 30 days to state, tribal, territorial, and local governments and community health centers to recruit and train individuals for roles in public health and health care.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) must hire and train additional individuals for its Cadre of On-Call Response/Recovery Employees. These employees may be detailed to certain federal agencies or to state, local, or tribal governments to support response efforts related to COVID-19 or other disasters or emergencies.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 22, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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