

## S 3216

WIC Healthy Beginnings Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

**Introduced:** Nov 17, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Nov 17, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/3216>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** KS • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

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| Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY] | D · NY        |      | Nov 17, 2021 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                                      | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Nov 17, 2021 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action  |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 117 HR 8450 | Related bill | <b>Nov 7, 2022:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 394.          |
| 117 HR 7603 | Related bill | <b>Apr 27, 2022:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. |

### Summary (as of Nov 17, 2021)

#### WIC Healthy Beginnings Act of 2021

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to maintain a publicly available, searchable database that contains solicitations for infant formula bids under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

Under current law, state agencies must control infant formula costs in the WIC program through competitive bidding for infant formula rebate contracts. The bill requires state WIC agencies to provide USDA with open solicitations for these competitive bids to populate the database.

## Actions Timeline

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