

## S 346

Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2021

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### Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (31 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 22, 2021
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 22, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 12, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 13, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 10, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 7, 2021
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 17, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 22, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 13, 2021
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 28, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 9, 2022
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 27, 2022

Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
<a href="#">117 HR 8862</a>	Related bill	<b>Nov 1, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
<a href="#">117 HR 7585</a>	Related bill	<b>Jun 29, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
<a href="#">117 S 4486</a>	Related bill	<b>Jun 23, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
<a href="#">117 HR 951</a>	Related bill	<b>Dec 1, 2021:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
<a href="#">117 HR 925</a>	Related bill	<b>Jul 15, 2021:</b> Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
<a href="#">117 HR 958</a>	Related bill	<b>May 13, 2021:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
<a href="#">117 HR 948</a>	Related bill	<b>Apr 23, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
<a href="#">117 HR 959</a>	Related bill	<b>Apr 23, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
<a href="#">117 S 1042</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 25, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
<a href="#">117 S 893</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
<a href="#">117 S 851</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 18, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
<a href="#">117 HR 943</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.
<a href="#">117 S 484</a>	Related bill	<b>Feb 25, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
<a href="#">117 HR 1212</a>	Related bill	<b>Feb 24, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
<a href="#">117 S 423</a>	Related bill	<b>Feb 24, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
<a href="#">117 S 334</a>	Related bill	<b>Feb 22, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
<a href="#">117 S 341</a>	Related bill	<b>Feb 22, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
<a href="#">117 S 345</a>	Related bill	<b>Feb 22, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
<a href="#">117 S 347</a>	Related bill	<b>Feb 22, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
<a href="#">117 HR 909</a>	Related bill	<b>Feb 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
<a href="#">117 HR 937</a>	Related bill	<b>Feb 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
<a href="#">117 HR 945</a>	Related bill	<b>Feb 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
<a href="#">117 HR 957</a>	Related bill	<b>Feb 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
<a href="#">117 S 287</a>	Related bill	<b>Feb 8, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2021**

This bill directs multi-agency efforts to improve maternal health, particularly among racial and ethnic minority groups, veterans, and other vulnerable populations. It also addresses maternal health issues related to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and other specified departments must address the social determinants of maternal health, which include child care, housing, food security, transportation, and environmental conditions.

The bill also extends to 24 months postpartum eligibility for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Woman, Infants, and Children.

Additionally, HHS and other agencies must take actions to grow and diversify the maternal health workforce.

To increase access to maternity care, HHS and other agencies must (1) award specified grants; (2) test an alternative payment model for perinatal care under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); and (3) support training, technology, and telehealth initiatives.

The bill also increases research and data collection on maternal morbidity and mortality, particularly among tribal populations and minority groups.

The Bureau of Prisons and the Department of Justice must establish programs to improve maternity care for incarcerated populations. The Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission must also report on the impact of Medicaid ineligibility for pregnant and postpartum prisoners. Additionally, as a condition for certain grants, states and territories must have laws limiting the use of restraints on pregnant individuals in prisons.

The bill also directs activities to mitigate adverse maternal health outcomes associated with climate change and to improve maternal vaccination rates.

## **Actions Timeline**

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