

## S 385

### Full-Service Community School Expansion Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Feb 23, 2021

**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. (Feb 23, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/385>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]

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

## Cosponsors (13 total)

| Cosponsor                          | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]  | D · PA        |      | Feb 23, 2021 |
| Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]       | D · IL        |      | Feb 23, 2021 |
| Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY] | D · NY        |      | Feb 23, 2021 |
| Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]       | D · NM        |      | Feb 23, 2021 |
| Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]      | D · MD        |      | Feb 23, 2021 |
| Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]       | I · VT        |      | Apr 12, 2021 |
| Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]         | D · NM        |      | Apr 15, 2021 |
| Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]    | D · GA        |      | Oct 7, 2021  |
| Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]       | D · HI        |      | Nov 4, 2021  |
| Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]          | D · CA        |      | Nov 18, 2021 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]         | D · MN        |      | Nov 30, 2021 |
| Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]    | D · MD        |      | Dec 1, 2021  |
| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]      | D · CA        |      | Apr 28, 2022 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee  | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Feb 23, 2021 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Education

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action   |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| 117 HR 1241 | Identical bill | Feb 23, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. |

## **Full-Service Community School Expansion Act of 2021**

This bill reauthorizes through FY2025 and expands the Full-Service Community Schools program. The program provides support for full-service community schools that serve children and their families, particularly for children who attend high-poverty elementary and secondary schools.

Specifically, the bill directs the Department of Education (ED) to award grants to eligible entities to plan, implement, expand, and support full-service community schools. An eligible entity is a consortium of (1) one or more local educational agencies or the Bureau of Indian Education; and (2) one or more community-based organizations, nonprofit organizations, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, or other entities.

A *community school* refers to a public elementary or secondary school that incorporates the four pillars of community schools. These four pillars are defined by the bill as (1) integrated student supports that address out-of-school barriers to learning (e.g., medical care and assistance with housing, transportation, or nutrition); (2) expanded and enriched learning time and opportunities (e.g., before- and after-school programs); (3) family and community engagement (e.g., adult education); and (4) collaborative leadership and practices, which must include a school-based leadership team, a community school coordinator, and a community-wide leadership team.

Further, the bill directs ED to award grants to states to plan, implement, and expand community schools. A state educational agency that receives a grant must meet certain requirements, such as providing subgrants to local educational agencies, establishing a state-level steering committee, and establishing goals for the implementation and expansion of community schools throughout the state.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 23, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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