

S 4170

Mental Health Reform Reauthorization Act of 2022

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: May 10, 2022

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. (May 10, 2022)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/4170>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		May 10, 2022
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 7, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 10, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7241	Related bill	Mar 29, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 S 3864	Related bill	Mar 17, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 HR 7045	Related bill	Mar 10, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 S 3796	Related bill	Mar 10, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 HR 3753	Related bill	Jun 9, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 S 1962	Related bill	Jun 7, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 HR 1001	Related bill	Feb 12, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Mental Health Reform Reauthorization Act of 2022

This bill reauthorizes through FY2027 various activities related to mental health services and resources.

Specifically, the bill reauthorizes a policy laboratory housed within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that promotes evidence-based practices and service delivery models.

Additionally, the bill reauthorizes and modifies grants and similar assistance for

- treatment and other services for adults with serious mental illnesses and children with serious emotional disturbances,
- mental and behavioral health programs in the criminal justice system,
- priority mental health needs of regional and national significance,
- education and training for mental and behavioral health care providers, and
- integrated primary care and behavioral health care.

The bill also addresses insurance coverage for mental and behavioral health. This includes (1) grants for assessing health insurance plans for compliance with requirements related to parity in the coverage of mental health, (2) applying the parity requirements to self-funded, nonfederal government health plans, and (3) requiring specified agencies to provide states with guidance about coverage recommendations for mental and behavioral health services. Additionally, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services must review claims data to assess the degree to which mental and behavioral health treatment aligns with evidence-based recommendations and standards of care.

Other matters addressed by the bill include first episode psychosis activities (interventions to improve symptoms, reduce relapse episodes, and prevent deterioration and disability among individuals suffering from psychotic illness) and improving data collection and reporting of SAMHSA's activities.

Actions Timeline

- **May 10, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 10, 2022:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.