

## S 4486

### Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2022

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jun 23, 2022

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jun 23, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/4486>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]

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

## Cosponsors (10 total)

| Cosponsor                          | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]         | D · OH        |      | Jun 23, 2022 |
| Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]    | D · MD        |      | Jun 23, 2022 |
| Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]       | D · IL        |      | Jun 23, 2022 |
| Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY] | D · NY        |      | Jun 23, 2022 |
| Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]       | D · HI        |      | Jun 23, 2022 |
| Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]             | D · VA        |      | Jun 23, 2022 |
| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]          | D · OR        |      | Jun 23, 2022 |
| Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]       | I · VT        |      | Jun 23, 2022 |
| Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]    | D · GA        |      | Jun 23, 2022 |
| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]      | D · MA        |      | Jun 23, 2022 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee         | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Finance Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jun 23, 2022 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 117 HR 3541 | Related bill | <b>Nov 1, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.  |
| 117 HR 3614 | Related bill | <b>Nov 1, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.  |
| 117 HR 5227 | Related bill | <b>Nov 1, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.  |
| 117 HR 6111 | Related bill | <b>Nov 1, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.  |
| 117 S 5073  | Related bill | <b>Oct 11, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.  |
| 117 S 4677  | Related bill | <b>Jul 28, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.  |
| 117 HR 8491 | Related bill | <b>Jul 26, 2022:</b> Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. |
| 117 HR 5221 | Related bill | <b>Jul 20, 2022:</b> Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 117-530.  |
| 117 HR 7585 | Related bill | <b>Jun 29, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 8019 | Related bill | <b>Jun 9, 2022:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.   |
| 117 S 4323  | Related bill | <b>May 26, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.  |
| 117 S 4311  | Related bill | <b>May 25, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.   |
| 117 HR 7845 | Related bill | <b>May 20, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 S 2315  | Related bill | <b>Apr 26, 2022:</b> Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.   |
| 117 S 3927  | Related bill | <b>Mar 24, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.  |
| 117 HR 7026 | Related bill | <b>Mar 21, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.   |
| 117 HR 7037 | Related bill | <b>Mar 9, 2022:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.   |
| 117 HR 6423 | Related bill | <b>Jan 19, 2022:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Budget.   |
| 117 HR 6117 | Related bill | <b>Jan 6, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 S 3422  | Related bill | <b>Dec 16, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S9263)  |
| 117 HR 4555 | Related bill | <b>Dec 9, 2021:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.  |
| 117 HR 3320 | Related bill | <b>Dec 8, 2021:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 155.   |
| 117 S 3295  | Related bill | <b>Dec 1, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.   |
| 117 HR 5937 | Related bill | <b>Nov 10, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |

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| 117 HR 3117  | Related bill | <b>Nov 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.             |
| 117 HR 5742  | Related bill | <b>Oct 27, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 S 3073   | Related bill | <b>Oct 26, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |
| 117 S 1779   | Related bill | <b>Oct 20, 2021:</b> Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.                                      |
| 117 HR 2480  | Related bill | <b>Oct 19, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.                        |
| 117 HR 5469  | Related bill | <b>Oct 1, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 5426  | Related bill | <b>Sep 30, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 HRES 674 | Related bill | <b>Sep 23, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 HR 5165  | Related bill | <b>Sep 6, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 5099  | Related bill | <b>Aug 25, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 HR 5040  | Related bill | <b>Aug 18, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 HR 5030  | Related bill | <b>Aug 16, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 S 2706   | Related bill | <b>Aug 10, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |
| 117 HR 4943  | Related bill | <b>Aug 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 4944  | Related bill | <b>Aug 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 S 2622   | Related bill | <b>Aug 5, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.                                 |
| 117 HR 4916  | Related bill | <b>Aug 4, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 S 2588   | Related bill | <b>Aug 3, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.  |
| 117 HR 4077  | Related bill | <b>Jul 28, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.    |
| 117 HR 3115  | Related bill | <b>Jul 22, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.    |
| 117 HR 4595  | Related bill | <b>Jul 22, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 HR 925   | Related bill | <b>Jul 15, 2021:</b> Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .               |
| 117 HR 2503  | Related bill | <b>Jul 15, 2021:</b> Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .               |
| 117 HR 3452  | Related bill | <b>Jul 14, 2021:</b> Subcommittee Hearings Held.   |

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| 117 HR 4217 | Related bill | <b>Jun 30, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 4198 | Related bill | <b>Jun 28, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.  |
| 117 HR 4127 | Related bill | <b>Jun 25, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 3893 | Related bill | <b>Jun 16, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 3834 | Related bill | <b>Jun 14, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 3792 | Related bill | <b>Jun 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 HR 3573 | Related bill | <b>May 31, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 S 1873  | Related bill | <b>May 27, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.   |
| 117 S 1844  | Related bill | <b>May 26, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.   |
| 117 S 1798  | Related bill | <b>May 25, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.   |
| 117 S 1810  | Related bill | <b>May 25, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.   |
| 117 S 1795  | Related bill | <b>May 24, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.                            |
| 117 HR 3407 | Related bill | <b>May 21, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 3352 | Related bill | <b>May 20, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 3312 | Related bill | <b>May 19, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 S 1697  | Related bill | <b>May 19, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.                            |
| 117 S 1679  | Related bill | <b>May 18, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.                            |
| 117 S 1685  | Related bill | <b>May 18, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget.  |
| 117 S 1689  | Related bill | <b>May 18, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.                            |
| 117 HR 721  | Related bill | <b>May 13, 2021:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |
| 117 HR 1475 | Related bill | <b>May 13, 2021:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |
| 117 HR 3085 | Related bill | <b>May 12, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 S 1548  | Related bill | <b>May 11, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.                            |
| 117 S 1573  | Related bill | <b>May 11, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.   |
| 117 HR 3063 | Related bill | <b>May 10, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |

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| 117 S 1530  | Related bill | <b>May 10, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.                 |
| 117 S 1542  | Related bill | <b>May 10, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.  |
| 117 HR 1305 | Related bill | <b>Apr 28, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.                          |
| 117 HR 959  | Related bill | <b>Apr 23, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.                          |
| 117 HR 2631 | Related bill | <b>Apr 19, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 HR 2594 | Related bill | <b>Apr 16, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 HR 2529 | Related bill | <b>Apr 15, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 HR 2478 | Related bill | <b>Apr 14, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. |
| 117 S 1100  | Related bill | <b>Apr 13, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.           |
| 117 HR 2185 | Related bill | <b>Mar 29, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 HR 2125 | Related bill | <b>Mar 24, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 S 893   | Related bill | <b>Mar 23, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.               |
| 117 HR 2035 | Related bill | <b>Mar 19, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 S 828   | Related bill | <b>Mar 18, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.  |
| 117 S 851   | Related bill | <b>Mar 18, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.               |
| 117 S 870   | Related bill | <b>Mar 18, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.  |
| 117 HR 1791 | Related bill | <b>Mar 16, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 HR 1888 | Related bill | <b>Mar 16, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 HR 1859 | Related bill | <b>Mar 12, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 HR 1676 | Related bill | <b>Mar 10, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 HR 943  | Related bill | <b>Mar 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.                   |
| 117 HR 1397 | Related bill | <b>Feb 27, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 HR 1331 | Related bill | <b>Feb 26, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |
| 117 S 484   | Related bill | <b>Feb 25, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.               |
| 117 HR 1212 | Related bill | <b>Feb 24, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.   |

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| 117 S 411  | Related bill | <b>Feb 24, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text: CR S859-863)            |
| 117 S 423  | Related bill | <b>Feb 24, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |
| 117 S 334  | Related bill | <b>Feb 22, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.                                |
| 117 S 346  | Related bill | <b>Feb 22, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |
| 117 S 347  | Related bill | <b>Feb 22, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |
| 117 HR 907 | Related bill | <b>Feb 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 937 | Related bill | <b>Feb 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 945 | Related bill | <b>Feb 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 950 | Related bill | <b>Feb 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 957 | Related bill | <b>Feb 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 881 | Related bill | <b>Feb 8, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 S 287  | Related bill | <b>Feb 8, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.  |
| 117 S 304  | Related bill | <b>Feb 8, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text: CR S7158-7159)           |
| 117 HR 801 | Related bill | <b>Feb 5, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 851 | Related bill | <b>Feb 5, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 369 | Related bill | <b>Feb 4, 2021:</b> Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H332)                                   |
| 117 S 246  | Related bill | <b>Feb 4, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.  |
| 117 HR 66  | Related bill | <b>Feb 2, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 259 | Related bill | <b>Feb 2, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 265 | Related bill | <b>Feb 2, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 379 | Related bill | <b>Feb 2, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 432 | Related bill | <b>Feb 2, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 HR 666 | Related bill | <b>Feb 2, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  |
| 117 S 162  | Related bill | <b>Feb 2, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.  |
| 117 HR 537 | Related bill | <b>Jan 28, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.                                    |

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| 117 S 104  | Related bill | <b>Jan 28, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |
| 117 HR 258 | Related bill | <b>Jan 11, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.                                  |

## Summary (as of Jun 23, 2022)

### Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2022

This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and others to undertake efforts to reduce health disparities.

For example, the bill (1) requires more detailed reporting of demographic and health disparities data, including related to public health emergencies; (2) directs certain components of HHS to support health workforce diversity; and (3) increases access to culturally and linguistically appropriate health care.

The bill also modifies eligibility and other requirements for Medicare, Medicaid, private health insurance, nutrition assistance, and other programs to reduce health disparities among vulnerable populations. The bill includes specific provisions with respect to

- noncitizens;
- maternal, infant, and child health;
- mental and behavioral health;
- specified conditions that disproportionately affect racial and ethnic minority groups, such as certain cancers, HIV/AIDS, kidney disease, and diabetes;
- investments in communities facing health and other inequities; and
- nondiscrimination in the provision of services in federally supported health programs.

Additionally, the bill (1) revises health information technology programs to address health disparities, and (2) supports health impact assessments and other efforts pertaining to environmental justice and social determinants of health (i.e., nonmedical factors that influence health outcomes, such as income and educational attainment).

The bill also requires various studies and reports on issues related to health care and health disparities, including a report by the Government Accountability Office on health workforce diversity.

### Actions Timeline

- **Jun 23, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 23, 2022:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.