

## HR 5035

### Child Suicide Prevention and Lethal Means Safety Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Aug 16, 2021)

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## Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Feb 7, 2022
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Feb 8, 2022
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Sep 15, 2022
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Sep 19, 2022
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Oct 11, 2022
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Nov 17, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 13, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 16, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2982	Related bill	Oct 7, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Child Suicide Prevention and Lethal Means Safety Act**

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish grant programs and set up a website to reduce suicide rates among youth and young adults (those under age 26), including by addressing the use of firearms in suicides and suicide attempts.

Specifically, HHS must award grants to states, Indian tribes, health departments, hospitals, or other organizations to train health care providers on lethal means safety (e.g., safe storage of firearms), relevant laws concerning the use and possession of firearms, and other suicide prevention and intervention strategies for youth and young adults. Grantees may use a portion of funds to make secure gun storage or safety devices available to residences with an individual under age 26 who is at risk of suicide.

In addition, HHS must award grants to health professional schools to integrate content into their curricula and continuing education programs about suicide prevention strategies and interventions to reduce suicide rates among youth and young adults.

The bill also requires HHS to develop and maintain a website that contains information for individuals under age 26, their families, health care providers, and health professional schools concerning suicide prevention and the use of firearms in suicide attempts.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 16, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Aug 13, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 13, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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.