

HR 5551

Improving the Health of Children Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Oct 12, 2021

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Dec 9, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]

Party: Republican • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Nov 15, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Nov 4, 2021
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 9, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill reauthorizes through FY2026 programs and activities of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for researching and preventing birth defects, developmental disabilities, and other conditions.

Specifically, the bill reauthorizes the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities. The center carries out activities to advance the health and well-being of vulnerable populations, including infants with birth defects, children with developmental disabilities, and individuals of all ages with disabilities or blood disorders.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 9, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 117-209.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 150.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7516-7518)
- **Dec 8, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5551.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7537-7538)
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 405 - 20 (Roll no. 418).(text: CR H7516-7517)
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- **Dec 8, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 17, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 17, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 4, 2021:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 4, 2021:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Oct 13, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 12, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 12, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.