

## S 708

### Preventing Mental Health and Substance Use Crises During Emergencies Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 11, 2021

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#### Sponsor

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

#### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 11, 2021

#### Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

#### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 434	Related bill	Feb 2, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

#### Summary (as of Mar 11, 2021)

### Preventing Mental Health and Substance Use Crises During Emergencies Act

This bill establishes a task force and requires a strategy to address mental health and substance use issues during public health emergencies.

The Department of Health and Human Services must convene the task force to assess the federal response to such issues during and after the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) emergency.

In addition, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration must develop and annually update the strategy. The task force's work must inform the strategy.

## **Actions Timeline**

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