

S 834

Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

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

Cosponsors (20 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 24, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 14, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 21, 2021
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 19, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		May 19, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 24, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		May 26, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jun 16, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 12, 2021
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 29, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 13, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 30, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Oct 5, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 2, 2021
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Jan 12, 2022
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		May 11, 2022
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jun 22, 2022
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Sep 29, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 18, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2256	Related bill	Mar 29, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Mar 18, 2021)

Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2021

This bill increases the number of residency positions eligible for graduate medical education payments under Medicare for qualifying hospitals, including hospitals in rural areas and health professional shortage areas.

Current law provides for an increase of up to 200 positions per fiscal year beginning in FY2023, with a total increase of 1,000 positions; each hospital may receive up to 25 additional positions. The bill provides for an additional increase of 2,000 positions per fiscal year from FY2023-FY2029; during this period, each hospital may receive up to 75 additional positions in total under the bill and current law.

The bill also requires the Government Accountability Office to report on strategies to increase the diversity of the health professional workforce, including with respect to representation from rural, low-income, and minority communities.

Actions Timeline

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