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WIC Act of 2021

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

Introduced: Mar 18, 2021

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Mar 18, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]

Party: Democratic • State: PA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Apr 21, 2021
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Apr 26, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 27, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		May 27, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 28, 2022
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Nov 15, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 18, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2011	Identical bill	Mar 18, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

## **Wise Investment in Children Act of 2021 or the WIC Act of 2021**

This bill expands eligibility for children to receive benefits under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

Specifically, the bill

- extends eligibility for the program until the period that ends on the earlier of the sixth birthday of a child or when the child enters kindergarten;
- extends the certification period under the program for infants to up to two years, instead of the current one year; and
- increases the certification time under the program for postpartum women to a period of up to two years.

The bill also authorizes the Department of Agriculture to grant a waiver to a state, on request, that waives certification deadline requirements for the eligibility extensions if such state demonstrates there are unusual technological barriers to implementation, operational costs are not affordable within the nutrition services and administration grant of the state, or it is in the best interest of the program.

## **Actions Timeline**

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