

## HR 8542

### Mental Health Justice Act of 2022

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jul 27, 2022

**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. (Sep 27, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/8542>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 27, 2022
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 27, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 27, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7254	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HRES 1377	Procedurally related	Sep 22, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 HR 1368	Related bill	Apr 28, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 S 515	Related bill	Mar 1, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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This bill creates a grant program for states, tribal entities, and local governments to train and dispatch mental health professionals to respond, instead of law enforcement officers, to emergencies that involve people with behavioral health needs.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) must manage the program in consultation with the Department of Justice (DOJ). SAMHSA may cancel grants that increase incarceration or institutionalization.

The Department of Health and Human Services and DOJ must evaluate this program.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 27, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Sep 22, 2022:** Rule H. Res. 1377 passed House.
- **Sep 22, 2022:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1377. (consideration: CR H8081-8085)
- **Sep 22, 2022:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4118, H.R. 5768, H.R. 6448 and H.R. 8542. Resolution provides for 30 minutes of general debate with one motion to recommit for each bill.
- **Sep 22, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 30 minutes of debate on H.R. 8542.
- **Sep 22, 2022:** DEBATE - The House resumed with debate on H.R. 8542.
- **Sep 22, 2022:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Sep 22, 2022:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 8542, the Chair put the question on passage of the bill and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Armstrong demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Sep 22, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8101-8102)
- **Sep 22, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 223 - 206 (Roll no. 452).
- **Sep 22, 2022:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 223 - 206 (Roll no. 452). (text: CR H8081-8082)
- **Sep 22, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 21, 2022:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1377 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4118, H.R. 5768, H.R. 6448 and H.R. 8542. Resolution provides for 30 minutes of general debate with one motion to recommit for each bill.
- **Jul 27, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 27, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.