

HR 948

Justice for Incarcerated Moms Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (36 total)

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Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2021
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Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2021
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Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Jul 18, 2022
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Nov 16, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 9, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 23, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8862	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 7585	Related bill	Jun 29, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 HR 959	Related bill	Apr 23, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 S 341	Related bill	Feb 22, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 S 346	Related bill	Feb 22, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Feb 8, 2021)

Justice for Incarcerated Moms Act of 2021

This bill establishes new requirements related to grants, programs, and reports to improve the treatment and care of pregnant and postpartum women who are incarcerated.

Specifically, the bill requires the following:

- states must restrict the use of restraints on pregnant women in prison in order to receive full funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program;
- the Bureau of Prisons must establish programs to optimize maternal health outcomes for pregnant and postpartum women in federal prisons;
- the Bureau of Justice Assistance must award state grants for programs to support pregnant and postpartum women in state and local prisons and jails;
- the Government Accountability Office must report on adverse maternal and infant health outcomes among incarcerated individuals and infants born to such individuals, with a particular focus on racial and ethnic disparities; and
- the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission must report on the impact of Medicaid ineligibility for pregnant and postpartum women in prison.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 23, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Feb 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 8, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 8, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.