

## HR 959

Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Apr 23, 2021)

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### Sponsor

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

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Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2021
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Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 8, 2021
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Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Feb 8, 2021
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Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Feb 8, 2021

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Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Feb 8, 2021
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Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2021
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Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Feb 8, 2021
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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. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		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. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Feb 8, 2021
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Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		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. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Feb 11, 2021

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Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Feb 15, 2021
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Feb 15, 2021
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Feb 15, 2021
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Bourdeaux, Carolyn [D-GA-7]	D · GA		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Feb 24, 2021
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Auchincloss, Jake [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Mar 16, 2021
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Mar 16, 2021
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Mar 16, 2021
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Mar 29, 2021
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Apr 5, 2021
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Apr 13, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Apr 19, 2021
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Apr 20, 2021
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Apr 26, 2021
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		May 7, 2021
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		May 7, 2021
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		May 7, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		May 7, 2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		May 11, 2021
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		May 11, 2021

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Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		May 11, 2021
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		May 12, 2021
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		May 13, 2021
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		May 13, 2021
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		May 14, 2021
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		May 17, 2021
Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	D · NY		May 18, 2021
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		May 19, 2021
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		May 25, 2021
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Jun 4, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Jun 4, 2021
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jun 8, 2021
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jun 8, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Carter, Troy [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Jun 30, 2021
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Jul 2, 2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jul 2, 2021
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Jul 13, 2021
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Jul 13, 2021
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Aug 3, 2021
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Aug 3, 2021
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Aug 24, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Dec 8, 2021
Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jan 18, 2022
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Jan 20, 2022

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Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Mar 15, 2022
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Mar 18, 2022
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Mar 24, 2022
Rep. Brown, Shontel M. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Apr 14, 2022
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Apr 21, 2022
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Apr 21, 2022
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Apr 28, 2022
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Apr 28, 2022
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Apr 29, 2022
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		May 6, 2022
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		May 11, 2022
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		May 12, 2022
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		May 12, 2022
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		May 13, 2022
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		May 16, 2022
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		May 16, 2022
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Jun 13, 2022
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Jun 22, 2022
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jun 23, 2022
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jun 28, 2022
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Dec 21, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 17, 2021
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 9, 2021
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 8, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 23, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 15, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 9, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 9, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 11, 2021
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8862	Related bill	<b>Nov 1, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 7585	Related bill	<b>Jun 29, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 S 4486	Related bill	<b>Jun 23, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 951	Related bill	<b>Dec 1, 2021:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 HR 925	Related bill	<b>Jul 15, 2021:</b> Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
117 HR 958	Related bill	<b>May 13, 2021:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
117 HR 948	Related bill	<b>Apr 23, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 S 1042	Related bill	<b>Mar 25, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 S 893	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 S 851	Related bill	<b>Mar 18, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 HR 943	Related bill	<b>Mar 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.
117 S 484	Related bill	<b>Feb 25, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 HR 1212	Related bill	<b>Feb 24, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 S 423	Related bill	<b>Feb 24, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 S 334	Related bill	<b>Feb 22, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 S 341	Related bill	<b>Feb 22, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 S 345	Related bill	<b>Feb 22, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 S 346	Related bill	<b>Feb 22, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 S 347	Related bill	<b>Feb 22, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 HR 909	Related bill	<b>Feb 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 HR 937	Related bill	<b>Feb 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 HR 945	Related bill	<b>Feb 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 HR 957	Related bill	<b>Feb 9, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 S 287	Related bill	<b>Feb 8, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2021**

This bill directs multi-agency efforts to improve maternal health, particularly among racial and ethnic minority groups, veterans, and other vulnerable populations. It also addresses maternal health issues related to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and other specified departments must address the social determinants of maternal health, which include child care, housing, food security, transportation, and environmental conditions.

The bill also extends to 24 months postpartum eligibility for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Woman, Infants, and Children.

Additionally, HHS and other agencies must take actions to grow and diversify the maternal health workforce.

To increase access to maternity care, HHS and other agencies must (1) award specified grants; (2) test an alternative payment model for perinatal care under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); and (3) support training, technology, and telehealth initiatives.

The bill also increases research and data collection on maternal morbidity and mortality, particularly among tribal populations and minority groups.

The Bureau of Prisons and the Department of Justice must establish programs to improve maternity care for incarcerated populations. The Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission must also report on the impact of Medicaid ineligibility for pregnant and postpartum prisoners. Additionally, as a condition for certain grants, states and territories must have laws limiting the use of restraints on pregnant individuals in prisons.

The bill also directs activities to mitigate adverse maternal health outcomes associated with climate change and to improve maternal vaccination rates.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 23, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 22, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 17, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.
- **Mar 15, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Feb 11, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Feb 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Feb 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Feb 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 8, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 8, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, Education and Labor, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Veterans' Affairs, 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.