

## S 987

CARA 3.0 Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 25, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Mar 25, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/987>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 25, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 25, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4341	Related bill	<b>Nov 1, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 1647	Related bill	<b>May 18, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 3259	Related bill	<b>May 17, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 HR 2344	Related bill	<b>Apr 2, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 S 889	Related bill	<b>Mar 22, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 S 586	Related bill	<b>Mar 4, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 S 340	Related bill	<b>Feb 22, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **CARA 3.0 Act of 2021**

This bill addresses substance use disorders by expanding access to treatment and recovery services, providing for housing protections, and requiring other activities.

Specifically, the bill reauthorizes, establishes, and expands support for treatment and recovery services. This includes increasing access to treatment in the criminal justice system and other settings and for particular populations, such as pregnant and postpartum individuals and youth and young adults.

Additionally, the bill expands Medicare and Medicaid coverage for treatment, including by expanding telehealth access to medication to treat substance use disorders. The bill also temporarily requires that non-opioid pain treatment options be reimbursed separately, instead of on a packaged basis, under Medicare.

As a condition of receiving certain federal funding, states must mandate the use of prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs) by prescribers and dispensers and impose additional PDMP requirements. Moreover, prescribers of potentially addictive drugs must complete continuing education requirements. The bill also revises the registration process for providers who prescribe certain medications to treat substance use disorders, including by eliminating the provider's patient limit for such medications.

In addition, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration must carry out activities to promote access to high-quality recovery housing. The bill also sets out protections for individuals with substance use disorders who live in, or apply to live in, federally assisted housing.

Furthermore, the bill requires other activities to address substance use, such as support for workforce education and training; public awareness campaigns and similar outreach; and research on prevention strategies, insurance coverage, and treatment modalities.

## **Actions Timeline**

---

- **Mar 25, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 25, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

# LegiList

CONGRESS, MADE CLEAR.

## Search Every Federal Bill, Law, and Vote

LegiList is the fastest way to research Congress. Track any bill from introduction to enactment, see how every legislator voted, follow committee activity, and read the full text of every bill — all in one place, always up to date.

[legilist.com](https://legilist.com)

## Free Course: Learn How Congress Actually Works

LegiList Learn is a free, self-paced course that walks through the entire legislative process — from drafting a bill to a presidential signature. Seven modules, plain language, no politics. Earn a certificate when you finish.

[legilist.com/learn](https://legilist.com/learn)

## Developer API: Build Apps on Legislative Data

The LegiList API gives developers direct access to bills, votes, legislators, committees, and more. Start free with 1,000 requests per day — no credit card required. Upgrade to Pro when you need to scale.

[legilist.com/api](https://legilist.com/api)

Public data belongs to the public. — [legilist.com](https://legilist.com)