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Driving for Opportunity Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]

Party: Democratic • **State:** DE • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 25, 2021
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		May 13, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 25, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Oct 7, 2021
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Oct 28, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 3, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2453	Related bill	Apr 20, 2021: Ordered to be Reported (Amended).

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This bill authorizes the Department of Justice to make grants to states that do not suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a driver's license of an individual based on such individual's failure to pay a civil or criminal fine or fee.

Grants shall be awarded to (1) cover the costs incurred by a state to reinstate driver's licenses previously suspended for unpaid fines and fees; (2) maximize the number of individuals with suspended driver's licenses eligible to have driving privileges reinstated or regained; (3) provide assistance to individuals living in areas where public transportation options are limited; and (4) ease the burden on states where the state or local law that permitted the suspension or revocation of, or refusal to renew, driver's licenses or the registration of a motor vehicle based on the failure to pay civil or criminal fines or fees was in effect during the three year period ending on the date on which a state applies for or receives a grant under this bill.

The Government Accountability Office must study the implementation of the grant program authorized by this bill, including the known effects of repealing state laws that have permitted the suspension, revocation, or refusal of a driver's license or motor vehicle registration based on the failure to pay civil or criminal fines or fees.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 3, 2022:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Durbin with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Feb 3, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 260.
- **Oct 28, 2021:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 25, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 25, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.