

HR 1126

HOPE Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 3, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 7044	Related bill	Jan 19, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 S 3609	Related bill	Jan 18, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
118 HR 6636	Related bill	Dec 12, 2023: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H6825)
118 HR 517	Related bill	Feb 3, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 S 76	Related bill	Jan 25, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Health, Opportunity, Protecting life, Education Act or the HOPE Act**

This bill provides funding for grants and other activities related to maternal care. It also establishes informed consent and parental notification requirements for abortion providers.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must award grants to (1) entities that provide maternal care in rural and medically underserved areas and on tribal lands for purchasing equipment to conduct at-home telehealth visits; and (2) nonprofits (excluding those that provide abortions) for providing, at no cost, information about and referrals for medical care, nutritional services, and other social supports to encourage pregnant women to continue their pregnancies and care for the infants. Additionally, HHS must also disseminate, through a public website, pregnancy-related resources that are available through federal, state, and local governments and private entities.

Further, abortion providers must obtain informed consent 24 hours before performing an abortion through a form that must be signed by the woman seeking the abortion, and the bill specifies information that must be contained in the form, such as medical risks. Abortion providers must also notify parents at least 24 hours prior to performing an abortion on an individual who is under 18. The bill outlines specified exceptions to, enforcement mechanisms for, and civil penalties for violations of the informed consent and parental notification requirements.

The bill also prohibits federal funding of Planned Parenthood of America, Inc. or its affiliates, subject to certain exceptions, for one year following the enactment of the bill.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 3, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 21, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 21, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.