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Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (32 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		May 15, 2023
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		May 15, 2023
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 15, 2023
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 15, 2023
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 15, 2023
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 15, 2023
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		May 15, 2023
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		May 15, 2023
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 15, 2023
Sen. Fetterman, John [D-PA]	D · PA		May 15, 2023
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 15, 2023
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		May 15, 2023
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 15, 2023
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		May 15, 2023
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 15, 2023
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 15, 2023
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 15, 2023
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 15, 2023
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		May 15, 2023
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 15, 2023
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		May 15, 2023
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 15, 2023
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 15, 2023
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		May 15, 2023
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		May 15, 2023
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 15, 2023
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		May 15, 2023
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 11, 2023
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 11, 2023
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 27, 2023
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 11, 2023
Sen. Butler, Laphonza R. [D-CA]	D · CA		Dec 6, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 15, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3303	Related bill	Apr 16, 2024: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.
118 S 4060	Related bill	Mar 22, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 5066	Related bill	Jul 28, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 S 2239	Related bill	Jul 11, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
118 S 2026	Related bill	Jun 15, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
118 S 1797	Related bill	Jun 1, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
118 HR 3302	Related bill	May 19, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 HR 3304	Related bill	May 19, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 HR 3305	Related bill	May 19, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 HR 3310	Related bill	May 19, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 HR 3312	Related bill	May 19, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 HR 3320	Related bill	May 19, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 HR 3322	Related bill	May 19, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 HR 3346	Related bill	May 19, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 HR 3348	Related bill	May 19, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 HR 3523	Related bill	May 19, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 S 1699	Related bill	May 18, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
118 S 1710	Related bill	May 18, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
118 HR 3332	Related bill	May 15, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
118 HR 3344	Related bill	May 15, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 S 1593	Related bill	May 15, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
118 S 1594	Related bill	May 15, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
118 S 1599	Related bill	May 15, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
118 S 1601	Related bill	May 15, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
118 S 1602	Related bill	May 15, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
118 S 1603	Related bill	May 15, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
118 S 1605	Related bill	May 15, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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This bill directs multi-agency efforts to improve maternal health with a particular focus on racial and ethnic minority groups, veterans, and other vulnerable populations.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must address the social determinants of maternal health (i.e., child care, housing, and other nonmedical factors that affect health outcomes). HHS and other departments must also carry out other actions to increase access to maternal health care and otherwise improve maternal health, such as

- growing and diversifying the maternal health workforce;
- establishing various grants and other programs, including ones related to maternal health disparities and maternal behavioral health;
- testing alternative payment models for perinatal care in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP);
- addressing maternal health during public health emergencies; and
- supporting training, technology, and telehealth initiatives.

The bill further provides for

- extended postpartum and breastfeeding eligibility for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children;
- increased research and data collection on maternal health indicators;
- activities to mitigate adverse maternal health outcomes associated with climate change; and
- expanded public education to improve maternal vaccination rates.

The bill also addresses maternal health for incarcerated populations. For example, it (1) requires the Bureau of Prisons and the Department of Justice to establish programs to improve maternity care; and (2) reduces grants for criminal justice activities unless the recipient state or territory has a law to limit the use of restraints during pregnancy for incarcerated populations.

Actions Timeline

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