

S 801

CARE for Long COVID Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Mar 15, 2023

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 15, 2023)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/801>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]

Party: Democratic • State: VA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 15, 2023
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 15, 2023
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 15, 2023
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 15, 2023
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 15, 2023
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 15, 2023
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 15, 2023
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 15, 2023
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 15, 2023
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 15, 2023
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Nov 2, 2023

Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1616	Identical bill	Mar 24, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Comprehensive Access to Resources and Education for Long COVID Act or the CARE for Long COVID Act**

This bill requires research, education, and other activities to support individuals who have Long COVID or related conditions that may result directly, or indirectly, from COVID-19 infection.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must support a voluntary patient registry to collect information about individuals with Long COVID and related conditions, such as their symptoms, treatments, and demographic characteristics. HHS must coordinate with the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute on the registry.

HHS must also conduct or support research along with other agencies on how the U.S. health care system responds to Long COVID and related conditions. This includes research on the effectiveness of treatments and strategies to mitigate disparities in health outcomes.

In addition, HHS must (1) educate the public and health care providers about treatments for, conditions associated with, and other aspects of Long COVID and related conditions; and (2) disseminate information and resources on how Long COVID affects rights associated with employment, disability status, and education.

Last, the Administration for Community Living must award grants to or enter contracts with states, health care providers, legal services providers, and other eligible entities for expanding access to legal assistance for individuals with Long COVID and related conditions, including assistance with obtaining Social Security and other benefits and accessing medical care and services.

### **Actions Timeline**

---

- **Mar 15, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 15, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.