



# COVID-19 Public Health & Safety Legislative Update

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The following legislative tracker provides an update on COVID-19 public health and safety-related bills introduced in the 116th Congress. Each of the listed bill numbers contains a hyperlink to the Congress.gov website for additional information

## Bills by Issue

### COVID I Public Health & Safety (82)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 1646	Ordered To Be Reported Amended By Voice Vote 2020 07 15	In House
<b>Title</b> HERO Act of 2019		<b>Bill Summary:</b> Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 16, 2020, 3:20 PM The HERO Act would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to report to Congress each year on first responder suicide rates, including identifying risk factors, possible interventions, and recommended interventions for further study. It also requires HHS to develop and distribute best practices on the prevention and treatment of posttraumatic stress among first responders.	
<b>Description</b> Helping Emergency Responders Overcome Act of 2019 or the HERO Act of 2019 This bill establishes a series of programs relating to the behavioral health of public-safety officers (e.g., law-enforcement officers, firefighters, ambulance crew members, and 9-1-1 operators). For example, the bill establishes (1) a public-safety officer suicide-reporting system at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and (2) a grant program for peer-support behavioral health and wellness programs within fire departments and emergency medical services agencies.		<b>Introduction Date:</b> 2019-03-08	
<b>Primary Sponsors</b> Ami Bera			
<b>Organizational Notes</b> Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 16, 2020, 3:20 PM Press Release: <a href="https://bera.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-bera-s-helping-emergency-responders-overcome-hero-act-passed-by">https://bera.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-bera-s-helping-emergency-responders-overcome-hero-act-passed-by</a>			

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 5997	Introduced In House 2020 02 27	In House

**Title**  
Emergency Response Coordinator Act of 2020

**Description**  
Emergency Response Coordinator Act of 2020 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to designate an official within the department to coordinate federal efforts with respect to COVID-19 (a respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus).

**Primary Sponsors**  
Eliot Engel

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 3:04 PM  
The bill would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to designate an official within the Department of Health and Human Services to coordinate the efforts of Federal departments and agencies with respect to COVID-19.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-02-27

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6509	Received In The Senate And Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On The Judiciary 2020 06 01	In Senate

**Title**  
Public Safety Officer Pandemic Response Act of 2020

**Primary Sponsors**  
Jerry Nadler

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 28, 2020, 2:47 PM  
The Public Safety Officer Pandemic Response Act of 2020 to ensure that public safety officers who contract COVID-19 are eligible for benefits should they become disabled or die from the virus.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-04-14

**Organizational Notes**

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Press Release: <https://nadler.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=394301>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6640	Referred To The Committee On Ways And Means And In Addition To The Committee On Energy And Commerce For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2020 04 28	In House

**Title** Medicare Advantage COVID Treatment Act **Introduction Date:** 2020-04-28

#### Description

Medicare Advantage COVID Treatment Act This bill requires Medicare Advantage (MA) plans to cover specified treatment services relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) without cost-sharing during the public health emergency declared on January 31, 2020. The CMS must reimburse MA plans for cost-sharing amounts that would otherwise have been received, in accordance with a specified timeline. MA plans are also prohibited from instituting prior authorization or other utilization management requirements with respect to coverage of specified critical treatment services (e.g., ventilator services and intensive care unit services).

#### Primary Sponsors

Debbie Mucarsel-Powell

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6649	Introduced In House 2020 05 01	In House

**Title** Lower Drug Costs for Seniors During COVID-19 Act of 2020

#### Description

Lower Drug Costs for Seniors During COVID-19 Act of 2020 This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to establish a process for prescription drug plans under Medicare and Medicare Advantage to allow enrollees to make coinsurance payments in periodic installments, if the enrollee chooses to obtain the entire prescribed supply of a covered drug in a single fill. Current law allows an enrollee, during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019), to obtain the entire prescribed supply of a covered drug in a single fill or refill, up to a 90-day supply.

#### Primary Sponsors

Jan Schakowsky

#### Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://schakowsky.house.gov/media/press-releases/schakowsky-chu-introduce-bill-help-medicare-beneficiaries-afford-prescription>

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 3:05 PM The Lower Drug Costs for Seniors During COVID-19 Act would allow Medicare Part D beneficiaries electing to receive 90-day prescription refills to spread their co-pays over the same 90-day period. This flexibility will be critical to help beneficiaries afford a three-month prescription and lower their out-of-pocket costs during the COVID-19 crisis, improving their lives and livelihood.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-01

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6650	Introduced In House 2020 05 01	In House

**Title** Introduction Date: 2020-05-01  
Health Heroes 2020 Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Jan Schakowsky

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6654	Introduced In House 2020 05 01	In House

**Title** Introduction Date: 2020-05-01  
Emergency COVID Telehealth Response Act

**Description**  
Emergency COVID Telehealth Response Act This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to allow, when exercising its waiver authority, the following providers to furnish telehealth services under Medicare during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019): physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, speech-language pathologists, clinical social workers, and audiologists. (Currently, the CMS is authorized to waive requirements for Medicare telehealth services during the public health emergency, and it has done so to allow all providers that are otherwise eligible to furnish in-person services under Medicare to also furnish telehealth services.)

**Primary Sponsors**  
Cindy Axne

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6662	Referred To The Subcommittee On Economic Development Public Buildings And Emergency Management 2020 05 04	In House

**Title**  
PRICE Act

**Description**

Pandemic Response and Interstate Cost Equity Act or the PRICE Act  
This bill establishes the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as the sole buyer, vendor, owner, and distributor of certain medical equipment obtained by the federal government in the event of a national health emergency and establishes a process for the pricing and distribution of such equipment. Specifically, in the event of such an emergency, the Department of Health and Human Services shall assess available medical equipment and FEMA shall (1) become the sole owner and distributor of medical equipment obtained by the federal government for which the prevailing market price exceeds the fair market price by more than 15%, (2) contract with all persons capable of producing such equipment to produce such equipment, and (3) establish a price for such equipment and sell or otherwise distribute the equipment to the states or to persons that request it. The bill establishes in Congress a Joint Committee on Defense Production.

**Primary Sponsors**

Anthony Brown

**Organizational Notes**

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Press Release: <https://anthonybrown.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=899>

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:50 PM  
The Pandemic Response and Interstate Cost Equity (PRICE) Act would create a federal price-controlling program on critical COVID-19 equipment to ensure lower prices and guarantee supplies are directed to where they are needed most.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-01

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6666	Referred To The House Committee On Energy And Commerce 2020 05 01	In House

**Title**  
COVID-19 Testing, Reaching, And Contacting Everyone (TRACE) Act

**Description**  
COVID-19 Testing, Reaching, And Contacting Everyone (TRACE) Act  
This bill authorizes the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to award grants for testing, contact tracing, monitoring, and other activities to address COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). Entities such as federally qualified health centers, nonprofit organizations, and certain hospitals and schools are eligible to receive such grants. In awarding the grants, the CDC shall prioritize applicants that (1) operate in hot spots and medically underserved communities, and (2) agree to hire individuals from the communities where grant activities occur.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Bobby Rush

#### Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://rush.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rush-introduces-bipartisan-legislation-to-fund-100-billion-coronavirus>

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:52 PM  
The COVID-19 Testing, Reaching and Contacting Everyone (TRACE) Act would establish a grant program run by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to fully mobilize coronavirus testing and contact tracing efforts. Grantees would include Community Health Centers, School Based Health Centers, academic medical centers, non-profits, and other entities who would hire and train individuals to operate mobile testing units, as well as outreach in hot spots and medically underserved areas.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-01

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6670	Referred To The House Committee On Energy And Commerce 2020 05 01	In House

**Title**  
Prescription for American Drug Independence Act of 2020

**Description**  
Prescription for American Drug Independence Act of 2020  
This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to (1) establish a committee of experts on drug-supply issues, (2) convene a symposium to recommend strategies for ending U.S. dependence on foreign manufacturing of critical drugs, and (3) report on the symposium's proceedings.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Anna Eshoo

#### Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://eshoo.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-eshoo-and-brooks-introduce-bipartisan-legislation-create-national-strategy>

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:54 PM  
The Prescription for American Drug Independence Act would require the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to convene a committee of experts to analyze the impact of U.S. dependence on the manufacturing of lifesaving drugs and make recommendations to Congress within 90 days to ensure the U.S. has a diverse drug supply chain to adequately protect our country from natural or hostile occurrences.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-01

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6674	Referred To The Committee On Energy And Commerce And In Addition To The Committees On Ways And Means Education And Labor And Armed Services For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2020 05 01	In House

**Title** Medicare Crisis Program Act of 2020

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-01

**Description**

Medicare Crisis Program Act of 2020 This bill makes a series of changes to health insurance coverage and requirements during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). For example, the bill makes several changes to Medicare and Medicare Advantage (MA) during the public health emergency. Among other things, the bill allows all individuals who receive unemployment benefits, and their dependents, to enroll in Medicare if they otherwise do not have health insurance coverage; eliminates cost-sharing for COVID-19 drugs and treatment services under Medicare and MA; eliminates premiums under Medicare and caps overall cost-sharing under Medicare and MA; and establishes a national clearinghouse for the purchase and distribution of COVID-19 personal protective equipment for Medicare providers. The bill also alters requirements under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and for private health insurers during the emergency. Among other things, the bill requires coverage of COVID-19 vaccines and treatment services under Medicaid and CHIP without cost-sharing; increases the Medicaid Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) that is otherwise applicable during the public health emergency, including for states experiencing economic downturns (i.e., high unemployment); requires private health insurers to cover COVID-19 treatment services without cost-sharing; and requires federal payment to health care providers for the cost of COVID-19 treatment services that are provided to uninsured individuals, based on Medicare payment rates.

**Primary Sponsors**

Pramila Jayapal

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6698	Referred To The Committee On Ways And Means And In Addition To The Committee On Energy And Commerce For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2020 05 05	In House

#### Title

Quality Care for Nursing Home Residents and Workers During COVID-19 Act of 2020

Introduction Date: 2020-05-05

#### Description

Quality Care for Nursing Home Residents and Workers During COVID-19 Act of 2020 This bill modifies several requirements for Medicare skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and Medicaid nursing facilities (NFs) during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). Specifically, SNFs and NFs must comply with specified quality of care, worker safety, and transparency requirements, subject to civil penalties. Requirements include (1) testing residents and employees for COVID-19 weekly or before shifts, respectively, and reporting any lack of available testing kits on a daily basis; (2) providing at least two weeks of paid sick leave to each employee; and (3) reporting the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths, including demographic information, on a daily basis. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services must also distribute funds to allow states to establish strike teams that may be deployed to SNFs and NFs within 72 hours of three or more COVID-19 diagnoses to help separate those who have been exposed, supervise testing, and ensure enforcement of whistleblower protections, among other needs. Teams must include members of the National Guard, public health officials, medical experts, and representatives of residents and workers.

#### Primary Sponsors

Jan Schakowsky

#### Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://schakowsky.house.gov/media/press-releases/schakowsky-booker-blumenthal-task-force-aging-and-families-introduce-bicameral>



State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6699	Referred To The Committee On Education And Labor And In Addition To The Committees On Financial Services And Ways And Means For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2020 05 05	In House

**Title**  
Opportunities for Heroes Act of 2020

**Primary Sponsors**  
Annie Kuster

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:56 PM  
The Opportunities for Heroes Act would provide \$25,000 in either student loan debt relief or education benefits to essential workers and their family members. The bill recognizes the contributions made by a diverse set of workers, including firefighters and first responders, health care providers, grocery store employees, transportation workers, and more, to help Americans through the COVID-19 health emergency.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-05

#### Organizational Notes

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<https://kuster.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/kuster-fitzpatrick-introduce-bipartisan-legislation-to-provide-student>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6701	Referred To The House Committee On Energy And Commerce 2020 05 05	In House

**Title**  
Ensuring Understanding of COVID-19 to Protect Public Health Act

**Description**  
Ensuring Understanding of COVID-19 to Protect Public Health Act  
This bill requires the National Institutes of Health (NIH), in consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to conduct a longitudinal study on the health impacts of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). The NIH must provide public summaries of findings on specified timelines.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Anna Eshoo

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:58 PM  
The Ensuring Understanding of COVID-19 to Protect Public Health Act would direct the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to conduct a longitudinal study on mild, moderate, and severe cases of COVID-19 to ensure a full understanding of both the short and long-term health impacts of the novel coronavirus.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-05

#### Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://eshoo.house.gov/media/press-releases/eshoo-burgess-degette-guthrie-introduce-bipartisan-bicameral-legislation-study>

**Title**

Coronavirus Frontline Workers Fair Pay Act

**Description**

Coronavirus Frontline Workers Fair Pay Act This bill provides hazard pay, in addition to regular pay, to specified health care and essential workers during calendar year 2020. Health care workers, which include physicians and support staff, among others, are eligible for a maximum of \$35,000 in aggregate hazard pay. Essential workers, as determined by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, are eligible for a maximum of \$25,000 in aggregate hazard pay. The Department of the Treasury must make payments to employers based on an employer's quarterly projections of the number of hours worked by eligible employees, including specified hours worked prior to the enactment of this bill. Employers must issue hazard payments to eligible employees not later than 14 days after receiving such payment from Treasury. The bill establishes and provides funding for the Coronavirus Essential and High-Risk Health Care Workers Hazard Payment Fund to implement this program.

**Primary Sponsors**

Matt Cartwright

**Organizational Notes**

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Press Release: <https://cartwright.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-cartwright-unveils-hazard-pay-proposal-for-essential-workers-on>

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:46 PM

The Coronavirus Frontline Workers Fair Pay Act would provide hazard pay to health care professionals and other essential workers. The bill would establish a dedicated fund within the U.S. Treasury Department to provide the hazard pay money to employers. High-risk health care workers would receive a hazard pay increase of \$18.50 per hour, and other essential workers would receive an increase of \$13 per hour. Pay would be capped at \$35,000 and \$25,000, respectively. It would be retroactive to January 27, 2020 and would be available through the end of this year.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-05

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6711	Referred To The Committee On Financial Services And In Addition To The Committees On Transportation And Infrastructure Armed Services And Energy And Commerce For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2020 05 05	In House

**Title** Medical Supply Transparency and Delivery Act **Introduction Date:** 2020-05-05

**Description**

Medical Supply Transparency and Delivery Act This bill provides for the procurement and distribution of equipment and supplies needed to combat COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). The bill sets forth responsibilities for the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including that the NRCC must (1) direct the national production and distribution of critical medical equipment and supplies; (2) communicate with states, local governments, and Native American tribes regarding the availability and delivery schedule of equipment and supplies; and (3) make specified information publicly available. The Department of Defense may detail members of the Armed Forces on active duty or civilian employees to support the NRCC. The President, using authorities provided under the Defense Production Act of 1950, must establish a fair and reasonable price for and procure needed equipment and supplies. The Government Accountability Office must annually submit a report to Congress assessing the Strategic National Stockpile. The Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency shall designate an inspector general to oversee this bill's implementation.

**Primary Sponsors**

Jason Crow

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6719	Introduced In House 2020 05 05	In House

**Title**  
Emergency Medical Supplies Procurement Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Ro Khanna

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:41 PM  
The Emergency Medical Supplies Procurement Act provides an additional \$75 billion for the Trump administration to purchase or manufacture personal protective equipment (such as surgical masks, N-95 respirator masks, surgical gowns, and face visors); ventilators; testing reagents and compounds; approved vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, pharmaceuticals; and any other medical supplies or hospital infrastructure that are necessary. The bill would also require the Trump administration to respond to state requests for urgent and critical health care supplies as quickly and aggressively as possible using special authorities such as the DPA, National Emergencies Act, and Stafford Act.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-05

**Organizational Notes**

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Press Release: <https://khanna.house.gov/media/press-releases/sanders-khanna-unveil-emergency-legislation-vastly-increase-medical-equipment>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6727	Referred To The Committee On Ways And Means And In Addition To The Committees On Energy And Commerce And Armed Services For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2020 05 05	In House

**Title**  
To hold Medicare beneficiaries harmless for specified COVID-19 treatment services furnished under part A or part B of the Medicare program.

**Description**  
This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to pay any required cost-sharing amounts for specified COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) treatment services for Medicare beneficiaries. Providers are prohibited from holding beneficiaries liable for such amounts. Additionally, the CMS may recoup amounts that would have been paid through a beneficiary's supplemental insurance from the applicable insurer, in accordance with specified procedures.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Kim Schrier

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-05

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6757	Referred To The Committee On Agriculture And In Addition To The Committee On The Budget For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2020 05 08	In House

**Title** Introduction Date: 2020-05-08  
Farm to Food Bank Enhancement Act of 2020

**Primary Sponsors**  
Marcia Fudge

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6797	Referred To The House Committee On Energy And Commerce 2020 05 08	In House

**Title** Introduction Date: 2020-05-08  
CHIPPER Act

**Description**

Children's Health Insurance Program Pandemic Enhancement and Relief Act or the CHIPPER Act This bill extends the 11.5% increase to the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) that is otherwise applicable under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) through FY2021, in accordance with specified conditions. For example, in order to receive the increased FMAP in FY2021, a state must cover, without cost-sharing, testing and treatment for COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019), including vaccines, specialized equipment, and therapies.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Susan Wild

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6822	Introduced In House 2020 05 12	In House

**Title**  
National Public Health Corps Act of 2020

**Primary Sponsors**  
Chrissy Houlahan

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 14, 2020, 3:57 PM  
The National Public Health Corps Act of 2020 would create a National Public Health Corps within Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to to ramp-up testing, contact tracing and, eventually, distributing vaccination. It would designate CDC and HHS as the partner agencies to support management and placement of Corps members with state and local health departments.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-12

**Organizational Notes**

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Press Release: <https://houlahan.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=1592>

State  
US

Bill Number  
HR 6837

Last Action  
Introduced In House 2020 05 12

Status  
In House

#### Title

Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payments Improvement Act of 2020

#### Description

Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payments Improvement Act of 2020 This bill establishes and otherwise modifies requirements for the Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payment Program during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). The program provides Medicare payments in advance to eligible providers experiencing claims or cash flow disruptions, such as during national emergencies; the program was specifically expanded in response to COVID-19 to encompass more types of providers, subject to certain recoupment and repayment provisions. Under the current program, recoupment of advance payments (through claims offsets) begins up to four months after the payment is made. Additionally, certain hospitals have one year to repay the full amount; other types of providers have seven months. Repayments made after this period are subject to the prevailing interest rate set by the Department of the Treasury (generally around 10% in FY2020). The bill delays recoupment for one year and caps the recoupment at 25% of a claim. The bill also gives all providers up to two years for full repayment and caps the interest rate at 1%. Additionally, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) may waive repayment entirely upon a demonstration of extreme hardship, among other factors. The bill also requires the CMS to continue to make the program available to providers of Medicare medical services for the duration of the public health emergency. (The CMS suspended the program for such providers on April 26, 2020.)

#### Primary Sponsors

Brad Schneider

#### Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://schneider.house.gov/media/press-releases/schneider-kind-shaheen-bennet-introduce-legislation-fix-health-care-provider>

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 14, 2020, 4:04 PM  
The Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payments Improvement Act would fix a flawed Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) loan program to help health care providers respond to the financial pressures caused by COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the bill would lower participants' interest rate from 10.25% to 1% and extend the period of time providers have to repay the loans. It would also provide loan forgiveness in cases of extreme hardship, as well as restart this critical lifeline for Medicare Part B providers.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-12

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6849	Referred To The Committee On Ways And Means And In Addition To The Committee On Energy And Commerce For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2020 05 13	In House

**Title**  
Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Act of 2020

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-13

**Description**

Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Act of 2020 This bill provides statutory authority for the requirement that Medicare skilled nursing facilities and Medicaid nursing facilities report data regarding COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) preparedness, testing, infections, and deaths. Additionally, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services must publish on the Nursing Home Compare website certain demographic information, aggregated by state, with respect to COVID-19 infections and deaths in such facilities.

**Primary Sponsors**

Steve Horsford

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6877	Introduced In House 2020 05 14	In House

**Title**  
To direct the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response to issue a report to Congress regarding all State, local, Tribal, and territorial requests for supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile related to COVID-19, and for other purposes.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 21, 2020, 1:50 PM  
The bill would require the federal official who oversees the Strategic National Stockpile to report to Congress on what each state requested and received from the stockpile during the COVID-19 crisis. This provision has been included in the HEROES Act.

**Primary Sponsors**

Elissa Slotkin

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-14

**Organizational Notes**

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Press Release: <https://slotkin.house.gov/media/press-releases/provisions-slotkin-s-made-america-legislation-incorporated-newest-relief>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6901	Introduced In House 2020 05 15	In House

**Title**  
COVID-19 Testing Inventory Act

**Description**  
COVID-19 Testing Inventory Act This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to share information on a public website about tests to diagnose COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) or detect the virus that causes the disease. The website must include, among other information, a list of testing sites and the number and type of diagnostic tests available for use in each state, territory, or tribe.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Anna Eshoo

**Organizational Notes**

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Press Release: <https://eshoo.house.gov/media/press-releases/eshoo-introduces-legislation-directing-nation-s-top-health-agencies-publicly>

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 28, 2020, 3:10 PM  
The COVID-19 Testing Inventory Act would direct the federal government to compile and publicly share real-time information about testing supply inventory and shortages. Companion legislation was introduced by Senators Tina Smith (D-MN), and Elizabeth Warren (D-MA).

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-15

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6909	Referred To The House Committee On The Judiciary 2020 05 15	In House

**Title**  
Pandemic Heroes Compensation Act of 2020

**Description**  
Pandemic Heroes Compensation Act of 2020 This bill allows essential workers and their family members to file claims and receive compensation for harm or death suffered as a result of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). A Special Master appointed by the Department of Justice must review claims submitted and determine if a claimant is eligible for compensation, the extent of the harm to the claimant, and the amount of compensation to be awarded.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Carolyn Maloney

**Organizational Notes**

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Press Release: <https://maloney.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-maloney-nadler-king-and-sen-duckworth-unveil-legislation-to-create>

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 21, 2020, 1:51 PM  
The Pandemic Heroes Compensation Act would provide compensation for injuries to any individual, or their families, who are deemed an essential worker and required to leave their home to perform services and who have become ill or died as a result of COVID-19. The fund is modeled after the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF).

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-15



State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6952	Referred To The Committee On Energy And Commerce And In Addition To The Committee On Financial Services For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2020 05 19	In House

#### Title

To direct the President to appoint a Medical Supplies Response Coordinator to coordinate the efforts of the Federal Government regarding the supply and distribution of certain supplies and equipment relating to COVID-19.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-19

#### Primary Sponsors

Brad Schneider

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6962	Referred To The Committee On Energy And Commerce And In Addition To The Committee On Ways And Means For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2020 05 22	In House

#### Title

Rural Hospital Sustainability Act

#### Description

Rural Hospital Sustainability Act This bill specifically allows the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test a model for global payments to hospitals in rural areas. Under the model, rural hospitals receive fixed, monthly payments from all participating payers (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, and private payers) for inpatient and outpatient services (rather than on a fee-for-service basis). In order to participate, hospitals must conduct a community health needs assessment survey and submit a transformation plan that incorporates the survey results and includes other specified information relating to the global payment model, including targeted populations, types of services, and anticipated Medicare savings.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 26, 2020, 3:38 PM  
The Rural Hospital Sustainability Act to provide financial stability to struggling rural hospitals, and maintain access to quality health care for rural Americans throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. It would expand upon an existing pilot program to allow states to voluntarily implement a global budget for rural hospitals in lieu of the existing fee-for-service model. Under this program, private and public insurers pay rural hospitals a fixed amount of revenue — a global budget — to cover all inpatient and hospital-based outpatient services.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-22

#### Primary Sponsors

Matt Cartwright

#### Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://cartwright.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-cartwright-young-introduce-bipartisan-bill-to-support-rural>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6972	Introduced In House 2020 05 22	In House

#### Title

Nursing Home COVID-19 Protection and Prevention Act of 2020

#### Description

Nursing Home COVID-19 Protection and Prevention Act of 2020  
This bill establishes several programs and requirements to address the outbreak of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) in skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and psychiatric hospitals. Specifically, the bill provides specified funds for states to support cohorting (i.e., separating and grouping) individuals in such facilities based on COVID-19 status. States may use funds for specified items and activities, including testing kits, staffing, and facility development. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) must issue related guidance that includes, among other things, which facilities are permitted to cohort individuals and strategies for effective implementation; such guidance must account for certain factors, including a facility's compliance with Medicare and Medicaid requirements regarding infection control and emergency preparedness. The CMS must also provide monthly congressional briefings on the outbreak in these facilities and related agency actions.

#### Primary Sponsors

Anna Eshoo

#### Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://eshoo.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-eshoo-schakowsky-shalala-dean-and-moulton-introduce-bill-slow-spread-covid>

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 28, 2020, 2:55 PM  
The Nursing Home COVID-19 Protection and Prevention Act would help states invest in "strike teams" of health care providers to assist when a COVID-19 outbreak occurs or "cohorting" to safely separate residents with COVID-19 from those who do not have the virus. The funding can also be used to increase staffing, testing, and personal protective equipment (PPE) to reduce infections from the virus.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-22

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 6999	Introduced In House 2020 05 22	In House

#### Title

Coronavirus Mental Health and Addiction Assistance Act of 2020

#### Primary Sponsors

Tim Ryan

#### Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://timryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-ryan-katko-and-sens-klobuchar-young-introduce-legislation-support-mental>

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 26, 2020, 3:32 PM  
The Coronavirus Mental Health and Addiction Assistance Act directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to establish a Coronavirus Mental Health and Addiction Assistance Network. These grants would be available for eligible entities – including Indian tribes, qualified nonprofit organizations, and providers offering appropriate mental health and addiction services. It includes an emergency appropriation of \$100 million to initiate or expand programs offering mental health and substance use disorder services in response to the pandemic, including support groups, telephone helplines and websites, training programs, telehealth services, and outreach services.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-22

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7018	Introduced In House 2020 05 26	In House

**Title**  
COVID-19 Emergency Production Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Mark Pocan

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 28, 2020, 2:52 PM  
The COVID-19 Emergency Production Act to require the President to use the Defense Production Act (DPA) to designate PPE, all testing supplies and any future COVID-19 vaccine as critical material essential to the national defense. It would direct materials to be produced and distributed to states and territories based on their requests for supplies and in proportion to their populations.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-26

#### Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at May 28, 2020, 2:52 PM  
Press Release: <https://pocan.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/pocan-blunt-rochester-crist-introduce-covid-19-emergency-production-act>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7025	Referred To The House Committee On Energy And Commerce 2020 05 27	In House

**Title**  
Diagnostic Testing for Public Health Labs Act of 2020

**Primary Sponsors**  
Larry Bucshon

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 28, 2020, 3:43 PM  
The Diagnostic Testing for Public Health Labs Act would help public health laboratories purchase high-throughput diagnostic testing platforms, which simultaneously test thousands of samples using automation processes.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-27

#### Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://bucshon.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=3881>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7026	Referred To The House Committee On Energy And Commerce 2020 05 27	In House

**Title**  
Rapid Testing for Communities Act of 2020

**Description**  
Rapid Testing for Communities Act of 2020 This bill establishes a grant program for hospitals, primary care facilities, and other health care providers to purchase equipment and related materials to increase access to same-day diagnostic testing in point-of-care settings. In awarding these grants, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention must prioritize recipients that provide services to medically underserved populations in rural areas.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Diana DeGette

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 28, 2020, 3:51 PM  
The Rapid Testing for Communities Act would help expand diagnostic testing to areas of the country, particularly rural and underserved areas, that lack quick access to a public health laboratory to process test results. Specifically, it would direct the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to award grants to hospitals, physicians and other eligible health care providers to help perform coronavirus diagnostic testing outside of a laboratory setting.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-27

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7037	Introduced In House 2020 05 27	In House

**Title** Introduction Date: 2020-05-27  
To provide for quality assurance of COVID-19 reimbursements and reporting.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Bill Posey

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7080	Subcommittee Hearings Held 2020 06 30	In House

**Title** Introduction Date: 2020-06-01  
Stopping the Mental Health Pandemic Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Katie Porter

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7113	Referred To The House Committee On Energy And Commerce 2020 06 04	In House

**Title** Introduction Date: 2020-06-04  
COVID-19 Emergency Manufacturing Act of 2020

**Primary Sponsors**  
Jan Schakowsky

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7179	Introduced In House 2020 06 11	In House

**Title**  
Pandemic Liability Protection Act

**Description**  
Pandemic Liability Protection Act This bill exempts certain health care and food providers from liability for any act or omission relating to harm arising from exposure to, or infection by, the coronavirus (i.e., the virus that causes COVID-19) during the COVID-19 public health emergency. However, this prohibition does not apply with respect to acts or omissions that constitute willful or criminal misconduct, gross negligence, reckless misconduct, or conscious and flagrant indifference to the rights or safety of the individual harmed.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Greg Murphy

**Organizational Notes**

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 15, 2020, 2:24 PM  
Press Release: <https://gregmurphy.house.gov/media/press-releases/murphy-introduces-legislation-protect-small-business-owners>

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 15, 2020, 2:23 PM  
The Pandemic Liability Protection Act would protect covered providers who have operated during the Coronavirus outbreak from state and federal lawsuits related to harm that arose from COVID-19. The following would qualify as covered providers: nursing homes, health care clinics, pharmacies, hospitals, outpatient centers, blood donation centers, urgent care centers, farms, fisheries, food processing plants, food packaging plants, restaurants and grocery stores.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-11

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7187	Referred To The Committee On Energy And Commerce And In Addition To The Committee On Ways And Means For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2020 06 11	In House

**Title**  
HEALTH Act of 2020

**Primary Sponsors**  
G.T. Thompson

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by David Hoover at Jun 15, 2020, 2:51 PM  
The HEALTH Act seeks to extend benefits and access of this critical healthcare medium to more seniors, regardless of their geographic location.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-11

#### Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://thompson.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/thompson-butterfield-introduce-health-act>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7208	Introduced In House 2020 06 15	In House

**Title**  
PPP Access for Rural Hospitals Act

**Description**  
PPP Access for Rural Hospitals Act This bill includes within the Paycheck Protection Program, established to support small businesses in response to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019), certain rural hospitals or hospitals serving low-income patients that are designated as critical care hospitals.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Michael Guest

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 18, 2020, 3:07 PM  
The PPP Access for Rural Hospitals Act would allow smaller hospitals that are part of a larger health system to waive affiliation requirements to be eligible for the PPP. The language is narrowly tailored to ensure rural hospitals or those in most need are able to participate in the PPP program.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-15

#### Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 18, 2020, 3:07 PM  
Press Release: <https://guest.house.gov/media/press-releases/legislation-support-rural-hospitals-introduced-house>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7233	Introduced In House 2020 06 18	In House

**Title**  
KEEP Telehealth Options Act of 2020

**Description**  
Knowing the Efficiency and Efficacy of Permanent Telehealth Options Act of 2020 or the KEEP Telehealth Options Act of 2020 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to report on the availability and effects of expanded telehealth services under Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). Among other information, HHS must detail its actions during the emergency to expand access to telehealth services and must analyze telehealth usage by certain demographic groups. The GAO must report on the efficiency and management of the telehealth expansion and related risks of fraudulent activity.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Troy Balderson

**Organizational Notes**

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 22, 2020, 2:54 PM  
Press Release: <https://balderson.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=1740>

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 22, 2020, 2:53 PM  
The KEEP Telehealth Options Act would instruct the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Government Accountability Office (GAO) to study and report to United States Congress on the expansion of telehealth services during the COVID-19 outbreak, the uptake of those services by patients across the country, and GAO's recommendations for enhancing the quality of and access to these services.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-18

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7288	Introduced In House 2020 06 22	In House

**Title**  
Taxpayer Research and Coronavirus Knowledge Act of 2020

**Primary Sponsors**  
Lloyd Doggett

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-22

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7317	Referred To The House Committee On Energy And Commerce 2020 06 24	In House

**Title**  
Masks Work Act of 2020

**Primary Sponsors**  
Adam Schiff

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 25, 2020, 3:33 PM  
The Masks Work Act would direct the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to establish a program to mail a cloth face covering to any American who requests one, free of charge,

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-24

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7391	Introduced In House 2020 06 26	In House

**Title**  
Protect Telehealth Access Act of 2020

**Primary Sponsors**  
Mikie Sherrill

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 29, 2020, 3:46 PM  
The Protect Telehealth Access Act codifies Medicare reimbursements for telehealth services by removing the requirement that (1) an individual receiving telehealth services must be located in a rural area or health professional shortage area, and (2) an individual may only receive telehealth services at home in certain limited circumstances.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-26

#### Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 29, 2020, 3:46 PM  
Press Release: <https://sherrill.house.gov/media/press-releases/sherrill-hern-introduce-legislation-expand-telehealth-access-medicare>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7463	Introduced In House 2020 07 01	In House

**Title**  
Assisted Living Facility Coronavirus Reporting Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Carolyn Maloney

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 13, 2020, 2:47 PM  
The Assisted Living Facility Coronavirus Reporting Act would put in place national data collection and reporting requirements to ensure that assisted living facilities adequately protect residents from COVID-19.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-07-01

#### Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 13, 2020, 2:46 PM  
Press Release: <https://oversight.house.gov/news/press-releases/warren-maloney-markey-release-findings-from-first-comprehensive-survey-of-covid>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7472	Introduced In House 2020 07 01	In House

**Title**  
Secure Data and Privacy for Contact Tracing Act of 2020

**Primary Sponsors**  
Jackie Speier

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 6, 2020, 2:54 PM  
The Secure Data and Privacy for Contact Tracing Act of 2020 would provide grants to states that choose to use technology as part of contact tracing efforts for COVID-19 if they agree to adopt strong privacy protections for users.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-07-01

#### Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 6, 2020, 2:54 PM  
Press Release: <https://speier.house.gov/press-releases?ID=EA0CED08-6BED-463A-9647-4D4F0404BCB8>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7546	Introduced In House 2020 07 09	In House

**Title**

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to ensure that minority and medically underserved communities have meaningful and immediate access to public health interventions and medically necessary health care services during the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-07-09**Primary Sponsors**

John Lewis

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7607	Referred To The House Committee On Energy And Commerce 2020 07 13	In House

**Title**

To condition the receipt of funds with respect to COVID-19 on requiring the use of face coverings in public, and for other purposes.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 16, 2020, 3:20 PM

The Masks for All Act would require the use of face masks in all public spaces and outside when one cannot maintain a physical distance of six feet or more from anyone who is not a member of the same household. The legislation also calls for increased funding to states through grants to promote universal access to face masks as an emergency response to the national coronavirus pandemic.

**Primary Sponsors**

Freddi Wilson

**Introduction Date:** 2020-07-13**Organizational Notes**

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 16, 2020, 3:20 PM

Press Release: <https://wilson.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/wilson-introduces-the-masks-for-all-act>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7628	Introduced In House 2020 07 16	In House

**Title**

To provide for the establishment of a COVID-19 Compensation Fund to compensate claimants for harms resulting from suffering from COVID-19, and for other purposes.

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 20, 2020, 2:52 PM

The COVID-19 Victims Compensation Fund Act would create a fund modeled on the 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund to provide financial relief to those who fell ill from or the families of those lost to COVID-19. The bill would allow individuals and families to receive compensation for both economic costs due to loss of employment, medical expenses, and loss of business, as well as provide for physical and emotional pain and suffering inflicted by COVID-19.

**Primary Sponsors**

Adriano Espaillat

**Introduction Date:** 2020-07-16



State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7663	Referred To The Committee On Energy And Commerce And In Addition To The Committee On Ways And Means For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2020 07 16	In House

#### Title

To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to waive or modify application of Medicare requirements with respect to telehealth services during any emergency period, and for other purposes.

#### Primary Sponsors

Mike Thompson

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 20, 2020, 3:32 PM

The Protecting Access to Post-Covid-19 Telehealth Act would continue the expanded use of telehealth beyond the Coronavirus pandemic by eliminating restrictions on the use in Medicare, providing a bridge for patients currently using the practices because of the crisis, and requiring a study on the use of telehealth during COVID-19.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-07-16

#### Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 20, 2020, 3:31 PM

Press Release: <https://mikethompson.house.gov/newsroom/press-releases/thompson-welch-johnson-schweikert-matsui-introduce-the-protecting-access-to>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7674	Introduced In House 2020 07 20	In House

#### Title

To require the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to create a standardized method for State, Tribal, and local health departments to report to the Centers with respect to COVID-19, and for other purposes.

#### Primary Sponsors

Don Beyer

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 23, 2020, 3:18 PM

The COVID-19 Data Transparency Act would codify standards for state, tribal, and local health departments to report statistical information to the Centers For Disease Control (CDC), and require CDC to share that information with the public. Key reporting metrics would include: daily numbers of hospitalizations of patients with COVID-19; daily numbers of diagnostic and serological tests administered for SARS-CoV-2 with respect to patients in the respective jurisdiction, disaggregated by the type of test, testing positivity rate, sensitivity and specificity of each type of test; and Daily numbers and percentages of contacts traced, and the rate of transmission of SARS-CoV-2.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-07-20

#### Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://beyer.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=4878>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7692	Introduced In House 2020 07 20	In House

#### Title

To provide a grant program for elementary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher education to help offset costs associated with complying with guidelines, recommendations, and other public health communications issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or a State, Indian Tribe, Tribal organization, or locality related to mitigating the hazards presented by COVID-19.

#### Primary Sponsors

Dina Titus

#### Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 23, 2020, 3:26 PM

Press Release: <https://titus.house.gov/press-releases/rep-titus-introduces-bill-to-provide-k-12-schools-and-colleges-90-billion-in-pandemic>

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 23, 2020, 3:25 PM

The Reopen Schools Safely Act would establish a temporary fund to help school districts and colleges meet CDC guidelines for mitigating the spread of COVID-19. A variety of authorized expenses are included, such as: hiring additional school health personnel; purchasing equipment necessary for temperature screenings; and purchasing certified COVID-19 diagnostic and serological tests.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-07-20

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7695	Referred To The Committee On Energy And Commerce And In Addition To The Committee On Ways And Means For A Period To Be Subsequently Determined By The Speaker In Each Case For Consideration Of Such Provisions As Fall Within The Jurisdiction Of The Committee Concerned 2020 07 21	In House

#### Title

To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to collect, analyze, and report qualitative and quantitative data on the use of telehealth during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

#### Primary Sponsors

John Curtis

#### Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 23, 2020, 3:14 PM

Press Release: <https://curtis.house.gov/press-releases/curtis-welch-introduce-bipartisan-legislation-to-assess-impact-of-covid-19-telehealth-policies/>

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 23, 2020, 3:14 PM

The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) Act would require the US Department of Health and Human Services to assess key health care metrics, including utilization rates and hospital readmission rates, for patients who received their health care through expanded telehealth programs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-07-21

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7710	Sponsor Introductory Remarks On Measure Cr H 3670 2020 07 22	In House

#### Title

To provide liability protection for elementary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher education during the COVID-19 public health emergency, and for other purposes.

#### Primary Sponsors

Greg Murphy

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 23, 2020, 3:11 PM  
The Open Schools Responsibly Act would protect academic institutions from lawsuits and economic penalties related to contracting and transmitting COVID-19 upon returning to school for the 2020-2021 academic school year, so long as schools follow their state's and the CDC's health guidelines.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-07-21

#### Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 23, 2020, 3:12 PM

Press Release: <https://gregmurphy.house.gov/media/press-releases/murphy-introduces-legislation-financially-protect-schools-amid-covid-19>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7760	Introduced In House 2020 07 23	In House

#### Title

To make a supplemental appropriation for the COVID-19 Telehealth Program of the Federal Communications Commission for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

#### Primary Sponsors

Abigail Spanberger

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 27, 2020, 2:37 PM  
The COVID-19 Telehealth Program Extension Act would provide an additional \$200 million in funding for the COVID-19 Telehealth Program. This funding level is equal to the amount initially passed by Congress through the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act earlier this year.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-07-23

#### Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 27, 2020, 2:38 PM

Press Release: <https://spanberger.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=3110>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7801	Referred To The Subcommittee On Economic Development Public Buildings And Emergency Management 2020 07 28	In House

#### Title

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to State, local, and Tribal public health departments to train and equip Federal public health reserve corps personnel to assist with testing, contact tracing, and treatment of COVID-19, and for other purposes.

#### Primary Sponsors

Marcia Fudge

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 30, 2020, 2:59 PM  
The Pandemic Community Reserve and Public Health Response Act would expand the capacity for state, local and Tribal public health departments to combat COVID-19. The bill would ensure the country's public health infrastructure is capable of adequately testing, tracing, and treating COVID-19 by strengthening participation in existing health reserve programs and establishing, recruiting and training a new Pandemic Community Reserve Corps.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-07-27

#### Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 30, 2020, 3:00 PM

Press Release: <https://fudge.house.gov/press-statements/rep-fudge-introduces-pandemic-community-reserve-and-public-health-response-act/>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7875	Introduced In House 2020 07 30	In House

**Title** Introduction Date: 2020-07-30  
To require States and units of local governments to enforce stay-at-home orders equally, and for other purposes.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Kevin Hern

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 7904	Referred To The House Committee On Transportation And Infrastructure 2020 07 31	In House

**Title**  
To require the Secretary of Transportation to support the efforts of State and local governments to provide for priority testing of essential critical infrastructure workers with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and for other purposes.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Rick Crawford

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Aug 3, 2020, 3:16 PM  
The Critical Infrastructure Employee Protection Act of 2020 would require the Department of Transportation and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to coordinate to ensure that critical infrastructure workers have access to Personal Protective Equipment and COVID-19 testing.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-07-31

**Organizational Notes**

Last edited by TFG Reports at Aug 3, 2020, 3:17 PM  
Press Release: <https://crawford.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=399390>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3564	Introduced In Senate 2020 03 22	In Senate

**Title**  
Ensuring Treatment for COVID Act

**Description**  
Ensuring Treatment for COVID Act This bill requires state Medicaid programs to cover treatment for COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). State Medicaid programs must also cover COVID-19 testing and treatment for uninsured individuals. (Currently, state Medicaid programs are required to cover COVID-19 testing for enrollees and have the option to cover testing for uninsured individuals.) Coverage must be provided with no cost-sharing. Additionally, state Medicaid programs may not impose cost-sharing for COVID-19 vaccines.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Bob Casey

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 3:04 PM  
The bill would amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to provide medical assistance for COVID-19 treatment services for individuals who are diagnosed with COVID-19..

**Introduction Date:** 2020-03-22

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3595	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2020 05 04	In Senate

#### Title

Ensuring Understanding of COVID-19 to Protect Public Health Act

#### Description

Ensuring Understanding of COVID-19 to Protect Public Health Act  
This bill requires the National Institutes of Health (NIH), in consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to conduct a longitudinal study on the health impacts of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). The NIH must provide public summaries of findings on specified timelines.

#### Primary Sponsors

Jacky Rosen

#### Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:50 PM

Press Release: <https://www.rosen.senate.gov/rosen-rubio-introduce-bipartisan-bicameral-legislation-study-full-health-impacts-covid-19>

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:50 PM  
The Ensuring Understanding of COVID-19 to Protect Public Health Act would direct the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to conduct a longitudinal study on mild, moderate, and severe cases of COVID-19 to ensure a full understanding of both the short and long-term health impacts of the novel coronavirus.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-04

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3607	Mr Cicilline Asked Unanimous Consent To Take From The Speakers Table And Consider 2020 07 20	Passed House

#### Title

Safeguarding America's First Responders Act of 2020

#### Description

Safeguarding America's First Responders Act of 2020 This bill extends death and disability benefits under the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program (PSOB) to public safety officers (e.g., law enforcement officers) and survivors of public safety officers who die or become injured as a result of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). The PSOB program provides death, disability, and education benefits to public safety officers and survivors of public safety officers who are killed or injured in the line of duty. For purposes of death benefits, this bill creates a general presumption that a public safety officer who dies from COVID-19 or related complications sustained a personal injury in the line of duty. For purposes of disability benefits, the bill creates a general presumption that COVID-19 or related complications suffered by a public safety officer constitutes a personal injury sustained in the line of duty.

#### Primary Sponsors

Chuck Grassley

#### Organizational Notes

Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:49 PM

Press Release: <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/news/news-releases/bipartisan-senate-bill-helps-families-first-responders-lost-covid-access-public-0>

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 11, 2020, 2:49 PM  
The Safeguarding America's First Responders (SAFR) Act would clarify the certification requirements for survivor benefits under the Public Safety Officers Benefits Program to account for the unique challenges presented by the pandemic.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-05

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3609	Introduced In Senate 2020 05 05	In Senate

**Title** Introduction Date: 2020-05-05  
Coronavirus Immigrant Families Protection Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Mazie Hirono

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3627	Introduced In Senate 2020 05 06	In Senate

**Title** Introduction Date: 2020-05-06  
Medical Supply Transparency and Delivery Act

**Description**  
Medical Supply Transparency and Delivery Act This bill provides for the procurement and distribution of equipment and supplies needed to combat COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). The bill sets forth responsibilities for the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including that the NRCC must (1) direct the national production and distribution of critical medical equipment and supplies; (2) communicate with states, local governments, and Native American tribes regarding the availability and delivery schedule of equipment and supplies; and (3) make specified information publicly available. The Department of Defense may detail members of the armed forces on active duty or civilian employees to support the NRCC. The President, using authorities provided under the Defense Production Act of 1950, must establish a fair and reasonable price for and procure needed equipment and supplies. The Government Accountability Office must annually submit a report to Congress assessing the Strategic National Stockpile. The Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency shall designate an inspector general to oversee this bill's implementation.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Tammy Baldwin

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3630	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On The Judiciary 2020 05 06	In Senate

**Title** Introduction Date: 2020-05-06  
Facilitating Innovation to Fight Coronavirus Act

**Description**

Facilitating Innovation to Fight Coronavirus Act This bill provides immunity from civil liability to health care providers for certain actions taken during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency and lengthens the terms of certain medical patents related to the treatment of COVID-19. Specifically, when testing for or treating COVID-19 during the public health emergency, a health care provider may not be held liable in any federal, state, or local civil proceeding for (1) using or modifying a medical device for an unapproved use or indication; (2) practicing without a license or outside of an area of specialty, if instructed to do so by an individual with such a license or within such an area of speciality; or (3) conducting the testing of, or providing treatment to, a patient outside of the premises of standard health care facilities. Additionally, certain medical patents that are issued with respect to the treatment of COVID-19 are deemed not to begin until the termination of the presidential emergency declaration relating to COVID-19 and are extended for an additional 10 years.

**Primary Sponsors**

Ben Sasse

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3651	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Agriculture Nutrition And Forestry 2020 05 07	In Senate

**Title** Introduction Date: 2020-05-07  
Suspend School Meal Debt Act of 2020

**Description**

Suspend School Meal Debt Act of 2020 This bill prohibits each school food authority and local educational agency participating in the National School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program from collecting unpaid school meal fees (including late fees associated with unpaid meals) or using a debt collector to collect such fees during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency. The prohibition ends 30 days after the date on which the public health emergency is terminated. Additionally, the Department of Agriculture must reimburse each school food authority and local educational agency participating in either program for unpaid meal fees (including late fees associated with unpaid meals) owed to the authority or agency as of the date of the enactment of this bill.

**Primary Sponsors**

Tina Smith

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3697	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Agriculture Nutrition And Forestry 2020 05 12	In Senate

**Title**  
SNAP COVID-19 Anti-Hunger Restaurant Relief for You Act of 2020

**Primary Sponsors**  
Chris Murphy

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at May 14, 2020, 3:34 PM  
The COVID-19 Anti-Hunger Restaurant Relief for You Act of 2020 (SNAP CARRY Act) would expand eligibility for the SNAP Restaurant Meals Programs (RMP) and waives program requirements to make it easier for states and restaurants to participate in the program during emergencies like the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-12

**Organizational Notes**

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Press Release: <https://www.murphy.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3728	Introduced In Senate 2020 05 13	In Senate

**Title**  
Critical Infrastructure Employee Protection Act of 2020

**Introduction Date:** 2020-05-13

**Description**  
Critical Infrastructure Employee Protection Act of 2020 This bill requires the Department of Transportation to support state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions in providing (1) priority COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) testing for essential critical infrastructure employees; and (2) priority access to personal protective equipment, sanitizers, face coverings, and health-related or protective supplies necessary to safely perform essential critical infrastructure work. (Essential critical infrastructure employees include, but are not limited to, medical and health care, telecommunications, information technology systems, defense, food and agriculture, transportation and logistics, energy, water and wastewater, law enforcement, and public works.)

**Primary Sponsors**  
Roger Wicker



State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3738	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2020 05 14	In Senate

**Title** Introduction Date: 2020-05-14  
COVID-19 Testing Inventory Act

**Description**

COVID-19 Testing Inventory Act This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to share information on a public website about tests to diagnose COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) or detect the virus that causes the disease. The website must include, among other information, a list of testing sites and the number and type of diagnostic tests available for use in each state, territory, or tribe.

**Primary Sponsors**

Tina Smith

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3750	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Finance 2020 05 14	In Senate

**Title** Introduction Date: 2020-05-14  
Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payments Improvement Act

**Description**

Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payments Improvement Act This bill establishes and otherwise modifies requirements for the Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payment Program during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). The program provides Medicare payments in advance to eligible providers experiencing claims or cash flow disruptions, such as during national emergencies; the program was specifically expanded in response to COVID-19 to encompass more types of providers, subject to certain recoupment and repayment provisions. Under the current program, recoupment of advance payments (through claims offsets) begins up to four months after the payment is made. Additionally, certain hospitals have one year to repay the full amount; other types of providers have seven months. Repayments made after this period are subject to the prevailing interest rate set by the Department of the Treasury (generally around 10% in FY2020). The bill delays recoupment for one year and caps the recoupment at 25% of a claim. The bill also gives all providers up to two years for full repayment and caps the interest rate at 1%. Additionally, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) may waive repayment entirely upon a demonstration of extreme hardship, among other factors. The bill also requires the CMS to continue to make the program available to providers of Medicare medical services for the duration of the public health emergency. (The CMS suspended the program for such providers on April 26, 2020.)

**Primary Sponsors**

Jeanne Shaheen

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3755	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On The Judiciary 2020 05 18	In Senate

**Title** Introduction Date: 2020-05-18  
Pandemic Heroes Compensation Act of 2020

**Description**

Pandemic Heroes Compensation Act of 2020 This bill allows essential workers and their family members to file claims and receive compensation for harm or death suffered as a result of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). A Special Master appointed by the Department of Justice must review claims submitted and determine if a claimant is eligible for compensation, the extent of the harm to the claimant, and the amount of compensation to be awarded.

**Primary Sponsors**

Tammy Duckworth

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3768	Introduced In Senate 2020 05 19	In Senate

**Title** Introduction Date: 2020-05-19  
Nursing Home COVID-19 Protection and Prevention Act of 2020

**Description**

Nursing Home COVID-19 Protection and Prevention Act of 2020 This bill establishes several programs and requirements to address the outbreak of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) in skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and psychiatric hospitals. Specifically, the bill provides specified funds for states to support cohorting (i.e., separating and grouping) individuals in such facilities based on COVID-19 status. States may use funds for specified items and activities, including testing kits, staffing, and facility development. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) must issue related guidance that includes, among other things, which facilities are permitted to cohort individuals and strategies for effective implementation; such guidance must account for certain factors, including a facility's compliance with Medicare and Medicaid requirements regarding infection control and emergency preparedness. The CMS must also (1) publish and update daily, on its website and on the Nursing Home Compare website, specified information relating to COVID-19 cases and deaths in these facilities; (2) ensure these facilities provide timely notice of new cases or symptoms to residents, families, and specified government agencies; and (3) provide monthly congressional briefings on the outbreak in these facilities and related agency actions.

**Primary Sponsors**

Bob Casey

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3790	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2020 05 20	In Senate

**Title** Introduction Date: 2020-05-20  
Health Care Emergency Guarantee Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Bernie Sanders

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3884	Introduced In Senate 2020 06 03	In Senate

**Title** Introduction Date: 2020-06-03  
Essential Transportation Employee Safety Act of 2020

**Description**

Essential Transportation Employee Safety Act of 2020 This bill requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to support the efforts of state and local governments to provide for priority COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) testing of transportation workers who are categorized as essential critical infrastructure workers. (Essential critical infrastructure employees include, but are not limited to, medical and health care, telecommunications, information technology systems, defense, food and agriculture, transportation and logistics, energy, water and wastewater, law enforcement, and public works.) Additionally, during the COVID-19 pandemic, DOT must require (1) the owners and operators of equipment or facilities used by passenger or freight transportation employers implement personal protective equipment and disinfection and sanitization procedures; and (2) an air carrier to submit to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) a proposal to permit pilots to wear masks or protective face coverings in the flight deck, including a safety risk assessment with respect to such proposal. The bill sets forth requirements for owners or operators who cannot acquire necessary personal protective equipment due to market unavailability. For the duration of the COVID-19 national emergency, the FAA must (1) provide certain employees, including any air traffic controller and airway transportation systems specialist, with personal protective and sanitizing equipment; (2) ensure that each air traffic control facility is cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized frequently; and (3) ensure its contractors provide their employees with personal protective equipment.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Dick Blumenthal

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3921	Introduced In Senate 2020 06 09	In Senate

**Title**  
Emergency Medical Supplies Procurement Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Bernie Sanders

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The Health Care Emergency Guarantee Act would eliminate all out-of-pocket health costs for every person in America during the COVID-19 crisis. The bill would empower the government to leverage the existing efficiency of Medicare's payment infrastructure to ensure COVID-19 relief funding goes directly to patient care, without changing families' insurance coverage or touching the Medicare trust fund.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-09

#### Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/sanders-gillibrand-booker-warren-markey-merkley-harris-introduce-emergency-health-care-guarantee-act>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3923	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2020 06 09	In Senate

**Title**  
Emergency Family Stabilization Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Lisa Murkowski

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 11, 2020, 3:12 PM  
The Emergency Family Stabilization Act would create a new emergency funding stream overseen by the Administration for Children and Families within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide flexible funding for community-based organizations to meet the unique needs of children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness. Specifically, the bill aims to provide emergency funding to underserved populations and areas, including in rural and tribal communities, who continue to see long-term repercussions of the COVID-19 outbreak.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-09

#### Organizational Notes

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<https://www.murkowski.senate.gov/press/release/senators-introduce-legislation-to-help-families-youth-and-children-faced-with-homelessness-amid-covid-19-pandemic>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3966	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Finance 2020 06 16	In Senate

**Title**  
Work Safe Act

**Description**  
Work Safe Act This bill allows employers a tax credit for providing testing for COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). The bill also requires the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to disclose the COVID-19 weekly positive case rate for each state and the United States for the most recent calendar week.

**Primary Sponsors**  
Ted Cruz

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Press Release: [https://www.cruz.senate.gov/?p=press\\_release&id=5180](https://www.cruz.senate.gov/?p=press_release&id=5180)

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 18, 2020, 2:47 PM the Work Safe Act would provide tax credits to businesses that test employees for COVID-19 every week in states where the infection rates are above the national average.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-16

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 3991	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2020 06 17	In Senate

**Title**  
Coronavirus 2019 Special Enrollment Period Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Tammy Duckworth

**Organizational Notes**

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Press Release: <https://www.duckworth.senate.gov/news/press-releases/-duckworth-durbin-introduce-bill-to-give-americans-the-freedom-to-purchase-health-insurance-during-covid-19-pandemic>

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 18, 2020, 2:32 PM The COVID-19 Special Enrollment Period Act provides uninsured Americans the freedom to purchase health insurance coverage through the federal health insurance marketplace exchange by establishing a one-time special enrollment period (SEP) beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending on October 1, 2020.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-17

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 4055	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions Text Cr S 3208 3209 2020 06 24	In Senate

**Title**  
Strengthening America's Health Care Readiness Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Dick Durbin

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The Strengthening America's Health Care Readiness Act would address these challenges and entice promising students from diverse backgrounds—physicians, dentists, mental health professionals, nurses, and physician assistants—into primary health careers in underserved communities by providing scholarship and loan repayment funding for tens of thousands of clinicians in exchange for a service commitment in an urban or rural area with a shortage of providers. The legislation would also create a new Emergency Service partnership between the NHSC and NDMS to boost our health care surge capacity in response to public health emergencies.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-24

#### Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://www.durbin.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/durbin-rubio-introduce-bipartisan-bill-to-expand-health-care-workforce-to-meet-nationwide-challenges-highlighted-by-covid-19>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 4059	Introduced In Senate 2020 06 24	In Senate

**Title**  
COVID-19 Behavioral Health Support Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Tina Smith

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jun 25, 2020, 3:18 PM  
The Native Behavioral Health Access Improvement Act would create a behavioral health program to help Tribes develop solutions that include culturally-appropriate efforts aimed at prevention, treatment, and recovery.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-06-24

#### Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://www.smith.senate.gov/us-senator-tina-smith-introduces-legislation-help-tribal-communities-address-opioid-epidemic-mental>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 4184	Introduced In Senate 2020 07 02	In Senate

**Title**  
Assisted Living Facility Coronavirus Reporting Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Elizabeth Warren

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 13, 2020, 2:53 PM  
The Assisted Living Facility Coronavirus Reporting Act would put in place national data collection and reporting requirements to ensure that assisted living facilities adequately protect residents from COVID-19.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-07-02

#### Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://www.warren.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/warren-maloney-markey-release-findings-from-first-comprehensive-survey-of-covid-19-in-assisted-living-facilities-and-introduce-assisted-living-facility-coronavirus-reporting-act>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 4261	Introduced In Senate 2020 07 22	In Senate

**Title**  
A bill to establish a grant program to assist elementary and secondary schools with reopening after closures related to COVID-19, and for other purposes.

**Primary Sponsors**  
David Perdue

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 23, 2020, 3:02 PM  
The School Act would help K-12 schools effectively prepare reopening plans, share best practices, streamline data transparency, and connect with health care professionals for additional support.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-07-22

#### Organizational Notes

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Press Release: <https://www.perdue.senate.gov/news/press-releases/senator-david-perdue-on-safely-reopening-schools>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 4322	Introduced In Senate 2020 07 27	In Senate

**Title**  
Safely Back to School and Back to Work Act

**Primary Sponsors**  
Lamar Alexander

**Bill Summary:** Last edited by TFG Reports at Jul 30, 2020, 2:55 PM  
The Safely Back to School and Back to Work Act would improve stockpiles of pandemic supplies and sustain onshore manufacturing of tests, treatments and vaccines. It would also allow student loan borrowers with no income to continue to defer their monthly payment, give parents more choices of schools for their children and to increase availability of child care for working parents.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-07-27

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Press Release: <https://www.alexander.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=CE5CC476-A169-487C-8E51-CEB06DC812E5>

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 4351	Introduced In Senate 2020 07 29	In Senate

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**Title**

A bill to require States and hospitals to report COVID-19 health data directly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Introduction Date:** 2020-07-29

**Primary Sponsors**

Sheldon Whitehouse

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