

Black Maternal  
Health Momnibus  
Act of 2021

S.1042/H.R.1212

# KIRA JOHNSON ACT



## COMMUNITY

Community-based organizations serving women and birthing people of color are already doing work to address disparities in maternal health outcomes, but lack sufficient funding.



## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

This bill would invest in local organizations to train providers like doulas and midwives, address discrimination in health care, provide mental health treatment, and more.

This bill establishes grants to improve maternal health outcomes for racial and ethnic minority groups and other underserved populations. Specifically, the Department of Health and Human Services must award grants for community-based programs to improve maternal health outcomes for Black pregnant and postpartum individuals, as well as individuals in other underserved groups; training for health care providers and others who work in maternity care settings on reducing and preventing racism, bias, and discrimination; and respectful maternity care compliance programs in specified health care facilities.

### SPONSORS:

Sen. Raphael G. Warnock [D-GA] / Rep. Alma S. Adams [D-NC-12]

### STATUS:

*Section 203 included in the Build Back Better Act / Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, House Committee on Energy and Commerce*

### BIPARTISAN?

SENATE: No / HOUSE: No

### RESOURCES:

[Social and Structural Determinants of Health Inequities in Maternal Health\(liebertpub.com\)](https://www.liebertpub.com)

### COMMITTEE(S) OF JURISDICTION:

Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions / House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health

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