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# S 2980

Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities Prevention Act of 2002

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Health
Introduced: Sep 19, 2002

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Oct 8, 2002) **Official Text:** https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/senate-bill/2980

## **Sponsor**

Name: Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]

Party: Republican • State: MO • Chamber: Senate

## Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 19, 2002
Sen. Frist, William H. [R-TN]	$R \cdot TN$		Sep 19, 2002
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 19, 2002
Sen. Hutchinson, Tim [R-AR]	R · AR		Sep 23, 2002

## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 8, 2002
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 1, 2002

## **Subjects & Policy Tags**

## **Policy Area:**

Health

#### **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities Prevention Act of 2002 - (Sec. 2) Amends Public Health Service Act provisions concerning the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities to add "disabilities and health" to categories of data with regard to which the Secretary of Heath and Human Services is directed to collect, analyze, and make available. Requires the Secretary to conduct research on and promote the prevention of birth defects and disabilities and to support a National Spina Bifida Program to prevent and reduce suffering from the nation's most common permanently disabling birth defect.

Removes certain provisions regarding data collection, including one requiring the Secretary to collect and analyze data by gender and ethnic and racial group. Modifies reporting requirements, including to require the Secretary to report to Congress on the incidence and prevalence of individuals living with developmental disabilities and the health status of such individuals. Declares that certain data and information collected under the Act shall be subject to a specified provision of the General Education Provisions Act pertaining to privacy.

Requires that the members of the advisory committee appointed by the Director of the National Center for Environmental Health that have expertise in birth defects, developmental disabilities, and disabilities and health shall be transferred to and shall advise the National Center on Birth Defects on the date of the enactment of this Act.

Authorizes appropriations through FY 2007.

(Sec. 3) Amends the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 to revise provisions concerning allotments to State councils on developmental disabilities.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Oct 8, 2002: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- Oct 3, 2002: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Oct 3, 2002: Received in the House.
- Oct 3, 2002: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- Oct 2, 2002: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9858-9860; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S9859-9359; text as passed Senate: CR S9859)
- Oct 2, 2002: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S9858-9860; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S9859-9359; text as passed Senate: CR S9859)
- Oct 1, 2002: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Kennedy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- Oct 1, 2002: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Kennedy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- Oct 1, 2002: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 626.
- Sep 25, 2002: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- Sep 19, 2002: Introduced in Senate
- Sep 19, 2002: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8931-8932)
- Sep 19, 2002: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.