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Christopher Reeve Paralysis Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Sep 24, 2002

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sep 24, 2002)

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

| Cosponsor                      | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]     | R · KS        |      | Sep 24, 2002 |
| Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA] | D · MA        |      | Sep 24, 2002 |
| Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]     | R · PA        |      | Sep 24, 2002 |
| Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT] | I · VT        |      | Nov 18, 2002 |

Committee Activity

| Committee                                        | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Sep 24, 2002 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Sep 24, 2002)

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Christopher Reeve Paralysis Act - Permits the Director of the National Institutes of Health (the "Director" of NIH), acting through the Director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, to expand and coordinate the activities of NIH with respect to research on paralysis. Allows the Director to award grants to public or nonprofit entities to fund Christopher Reeve Paralysis Research Consortia for paralysis research. Permits the Director to solicit public input regarding paralysis research programs.

Allows the Director, acting through the Director of the National Institute on Child Health and Human Development and the National Center for Rehabilitation Research and in collaboration with other agencies, to expand and coordinate the activities of NIH with respect to research with implications for enhancing daily function for persons with paralysis. Permits the Director to make grants to multicenter networks of clinical sites that will collaborate on rehabilitation intervention protocols.

Permits the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to study the unique health challenges associated with paralysis and other physical disabilities to improve the quality of life and long-term health status of individuals with such conditions. Allows the Secretary to undertake direct research and to make grants. Provides for the formation of a national paralysis and physical disability quality of life plan, a hospital-based paralysis registry, and a Comprehensive Paralysis and Other Physical Disability Quality of Life Program.

Allows the Secretary to convene a working group for coordinating paralysis research, public health, and rehabilitation training at the Federal level.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 24, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 24, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9135-9136)
- **Sep 24, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.