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S 721

NEED Act

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Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Health
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Current Status: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the Latest Action: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the

nature of a substitute favorably. (Nov 1, 2001)

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Party: Republican • State: AR • Chamber: Senate

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Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA	Jul 11, 2001
Sen. Gregg, Judd [R-NH]	$R \cdot NH$	Oct 2, 2001
Sen. McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]	$R \cdot KY$	Oct 2, 2001
Sen. Daschle, Thomas A. [D-SD]	D·SD	Oct 9, 2001
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT	Oct 10, 2001
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY	Oct 30, 2001
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA	Oct 30, 2001
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT	Oct 31, 2001
Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	$R \cdot MO$	Nov 1, 2001
Sen. Edwards, John [D-NC]	D · NC	Nov 1, 2001
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD	Nov 5, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Markup By	Nov 1, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Nursing Employment and Education Development Act (the NEED Act) - Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize appropriations for the nursing workforce development student loan repayment program and permit the service required by such program to be performed in a skilled nursing facility, in a home health agency, in a public health department, or in a nurse-managed health center.

Provide for a Nurse Corps Scholarship program to provide scholarships to individuals seeking nursing education in exchange for service from such individuals in a critical nursing shortage area upon completion of such education, a public awareness and education campaign encouraging pursuit of the nursing profession, an area health education centers program to develop models of excellence for nurses, community nurse outreach grants, educational assistance for nurses from diverse or disadvantaged backgrounds, career ladder program grants for nurses, nurse training grants, nurse internship and residency grants, a fast-track nursing faculty loan program, a stipend and scholarship program to encourage individuals to seek advanced nursing degrees, and a National Commission on the Nursing Crisis.

Actions Timeline

- Nov 1, 2001: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- Apr 5, 2001: Introduced in Senate
- Apr 5, 2001: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3546-3547)
- Apr 5, 2001: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3547-3550)