

## S 1726

### PREEMIE Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Bennett, Robert F. [R-UT]	R · UT		Oct 27, 2003
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Sen. Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]	R · IN		Oct 27, 2003
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Oct 27, 2003
Sen. Talent, Jim [R-MO]	R · MO		Oct 27, 2003
Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	R · MO		Nov 24, 2003
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 24, 2003
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Feb 24, 2004
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R · AL		Feb 24, 2004
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		May 12, 2004
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		May 12, 2004

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 14, 2003

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 3350	Identical bill	<b>Nov 14, 2003:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

### Summary (as of Oct 14, 2003)

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Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act or the PREEMIE Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to require both the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to expand and coordinate research relating to preterm labor and delivery and infant mortality.

Establishes within NIH two networks: a Maternal-Fetal Medicine Units Network and a Neonatal Research Unit Network.

Requires the Director of the CDC to study and report on the relationship between prematurity, birth defects, and developmental disabilities as well as review the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Survey.

Requires the Director of NIH to contract with the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences for a study on the health and economic consequences of preterm birth.

Directs the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration to assess the current national core performance and outcome measures under the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant with the goal of expanding them to include known risk factors of low birthweight and prematurity such as smoking by pregnant women.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants for a demonstration project to improve the provision of information on prematurity to health professionals and other health care providers and the public.

Funds grants for projects to support the informational and emotional needs of families during the stay of an infant in a neonatal intensive care unit (nicu).

Establishes an Interagency Coordinating Council on Prematurity and Low Birthweight.

### Actions Timeline

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