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Counseling in Shelters Act of 2003 Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Health
Introduced: Oct 31, 2003

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. (Oct 31, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Edwards, John [D-NC]

Party: Democratic • State: NC • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 31, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 31, 2003)

Counseling in Shelters Act of 2003 - Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Assistant Secretary for the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families, to make grants for up to five years to eligible community-based entities to provide on-site mental health and substance abuse counseling and referral services for victims of domestic or sexual violence. Permits grant funds to be used for hiring professionals and staff and providing training in the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Requires the Secretary, in awarding such grants, to: (1) ensure equitable geographic and urban/rural distribution; (2) give preference to entities with high levels of cultural competence and strong ties to minority communities; and (3) provide technical assistance.

Actions Timeline
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