

S 2526

CHEER Act

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Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 22, 2004
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 22, 2004
Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	R · VA		Sep 23, 2004
Sen. Campbell, Ben Nighthorse [R-CO]	R · CO		Sep 29, 2004
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		Dec 7, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 1, 2004
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 7, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Nov 16, 2004)

Children's Hospitals Educational Equity and Research Act or the CHEER Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make payments through FY 2010 (currently, through FY 2005) to children's hospitals for expenses associated with operating approved graduate medical residency training programs.

Excludes reductions for unused resident positions when calculating the number of full-time residents in a children's hospital's approved training program for purposes of reimbursing direct expenses.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) adjust the proportion of such a hospital's costs attributable to wages for differences in hospital wage levels by geographic area; and (2) consider the ratio of residents in such a hospital's approved training program to beds (but excluding beds or bassinets assigned to healthy new born infants) when determining the amount of payments to such a hospital for indirect expenses associated with the treatment of more severely ill patients and for the additional costs associated with teaching residents in such programs.

Authorizes appropriations through FY 2010 for direct and indirect expenses associated with operating such programs.

Expresses the sense of the Senate that: (1) perinatal hospitals play an important role in providing quality care and ensuring the best possible outcomes for thousands of seriously ill newborns each year; and (2) medical training programs at perinatal hospitals give providers essential training in treating healthy mothers and babies as well as patients in neonatal intensive care units.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 1, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 16, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S11385-11386; text as passed Senate: CR S11385-11386; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S11385)
- **Nov 16, 2004:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S11385-11386; text as passed Senate: CR S11385-11386; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S11385)
- **Nov 16, 2004:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 16, 2004:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 16, 2004:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Oct 7, 2004:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Gregg with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 108-388.
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- **Oct 7, 2004:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 774.
- **Sep 22, 2004:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 16, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 16, 2004:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.