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S 1049

Covering Kids Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate Policy Area: Health Introduced: May 17, 2005

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text as measure as introduced: CR S5303-5304) Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text as measure as introduced: CR S5303-5304)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: TN • Chamber: Senate

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Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	$D\cdotNM$		May 17, 2005
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Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	$R \cdot MO$		May 26, 2005
Sen. Talent, Jim [R-MO]	$R \cdot MO$		Jun 13, 2005
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Sep 15, 2005
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		Dec 19, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 17, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 3050	Identical bill	Jul 1, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Covering Kids Act of 2005 - Amends title XXI (State Children's Health Insurance) (SCHIP) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to eligible entities to: (1) conduct innovative outreach and enrollment efforts that are designed to increase the enrollment and participation of eligible children under SCHIP; and (2) promote understanding of the importance of health insurance coverage for prenatal care and children.

Amends SSA title XIX (Medicaid) to grant a state the option to provide for simplified determinations of a child's financial eligibility for medical assistance under Medicaid or child health assistance under SCHIP.

Actions Timeline

- May 17, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- May 17, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5302-5303)
- May 17, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text as measure as introduced: CR S5303-5304)