

S 2112

Seasonal Influenza and Pandemic Preparation Act of 2005

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** IA • **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	Dec 15, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Seasonal Influenza and Pandemic Preparation Act of 2005 - Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a national voluntary influenza vaccination program to provide free influenza vaccines. Requires the Secretary to reimburse participating entities for the cost of administering such vaccines.

Requires the Secretary to award grants to health departments, public hospitals, federally qualified health centers, and other entities to facilitate: (1) the establishment of influenza vaccination programs in partnership with private entities; and (2) the development of influenza vaccination programs for students and families of students.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) award grants to elementary and secondary schools to facilitate the development of a voluntary influenza vaccination program; (2) develop an immunization plan with immunization target numbers for Medicare, Medicaid, and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP); (3) provide bonus payments to eligible health care providers and other entities who meet such immunization targets; (4) establish a Volunteer Vaccine Corps to facilitate the distribution of vaccines during a public health emergency related to an influenza outbreak; (5) maintain a database of Corps members; and (6) award grants for the training of Corps members. Limits the liability of Corps members when performing their duties.

Requires the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to establish a national public affairs campaign to increase influenza immunization rates.

Actions Timeline

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