

S 843

Combating Autism Act of 2006

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Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		May 1, 2006
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Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jul 25, 2006
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Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Aug 3, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 25, 2006
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 3, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 2421	Related bill	Jun 3, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Combating Autism Act of 2006 - (Sec. 2) Amends the Public Health Service Act to rewrite provisions governing National Institutes of Health (NIH) autism research. Authorizes the Director of NIH to consolidate program activities to improve program efficiencies and outcomes.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of NIH, to review and report to Congress on NIH centers of excellence.

(Sec. 3) Allows the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to awards grants or cooperative agreements for the collection, analysis, and reporting of state epidemiological data on autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities. Requires the Secretary, acting through the Director of CDC, to award grants or cooperative agreements for the establishment of regional centers of excellence in such disabilities epidemiology to collect and analyze information on the number, incidence, correlates and causes of such disabilities.

Requires the Secretary to establish and evaluate activities to: (1) inform and educate on such disabilities to increase awareness of developmental milestones; (2) promote research into the development and validation of reliable screening tools for such disabilities; (3) promote early screening of individuals at higher risk for such disabilities; and (4) increase the number of individuals who are able to confirm or rule out a diagnosis of such a disability and provide evidence-based interventions for individuals diagnosed with such disabilities.

Directs the Secretary to provide culturally competent information regarding such disabilities and evidence-based interventions for individuals and their families through state and federal programs and community organizations. Requires states to provide individuals with information about state and local resources.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) develop a curriculum for continuing education to assist individuals in recognizing the need for, and using, valid and reliable screening tools; (2) collect, store, coordinate, and make publicly available such tools and other products that are used by federal programs; (3) expand existing interdisciplinary training opportunities or opportunities to increase the number of sites able to diagnose individuals with autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities; (4) promote research into additional tools for shortening the time required to confirm diagnoses of such disabilities and for detecting individuals with such disabilities at an early age; and (5) promote research to determine evidence-based practices for interventions for such individuals, develop guidelines for those interventions, and disseminate information related to such research and guidelines.

Requires the Secretary to establish the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee to: (1) coordinate all efforts within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) concerning autism spectrum disorder; (2) develop and update advances in research; (3) monitor and make recommendations to the Secretary regarding federal activities related to such disorder; (4) make recommendations to the Secretary regarding public participation in decisions relating to such disorder; (5) develop and annually update a strategic plan for autism spectrum disorder research; and (6) submit to Congress such strategic plan and related updates. Sets forth reporting requirements.

Repeals provisions that: (1) allow the Secretary, acting through the Director of CDC, to make awards of grants and cooperative agreements to collect, analyze, and report data on autism and pervasive developmental disabilities; (2) require the Secretary to establish a program to provide information and education on autism to health professionals and the general public; and (3) require the Secretary to establish the Autism Coordinating Committee to coordinate all HHS

efforts concerning autism.

(Sec. 4) Authorizes appropriations for FY2007-FY2011.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2006:** Signed by President.
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- **Dec 19, 2006:** Became Public Law No: 109-416.
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- **Dec 11, 2006:** Presented to President.
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- **Dec 7, 2006:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S11442-11445; text: CR S11442-11445)
- **Dec 7, 2006:** Senate agreed to the House amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S11442-11445; text: CR S11442-11445)
- **Dec 7, 2006:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 6, 2006:** Mr. Deal (GA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 6, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR 12/7/2006 H8779-8788)
- **Dec 6, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 843.
- **Dec 6, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Dec 6, 2006:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Dec 6, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. (text: CR 12/7/2006 H8780-8782)
- **Dec 6, 2006:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Sep 25, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 6, 2006:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 6, 2006:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Aug 4, 2006:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 3, 2006:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Enzi with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 109-318.
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- **Aug 3, 2006:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 578.
- **Aug 3, 2006:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S8765-8775; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S8765-8768)
- **Aug 3, 2006:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Aug 3, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S8772-8775)
- **Aug 3, 2006:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S8772-8775)
- **Jul 19, 2006:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 19, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 19, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.